

THE NEW UNIFORM

Our new uniform looks fabulous.
It's very smart, but also affordable.



Below are details of what both boys and girls will wear. You can buy it all, and also get a chance to try for size, at the [Parents Information Evening](#) on July 2nd. The uniform supplier will be there with a whole range of sizes.

Here's what you'll need:

BOYS

- **Black blazer:** £19.00 (£22 if size 38 and above)
- **Black sleeveless jumper:** £8.50 (£9.50 if size 38 and above)
- **Tie:** one size £3.00
- **PE top:** £7.50 (£8.50 for sizes M and above)
- **PE track bottoms:** £9.00 (£10.00 for adult size Small and above)
- **PE shorts:** £4.00
- **PE Socks:** £2.70 for shoes size up to 6, then £3.20 for anything above
- **Rucksack:** £10.00
- **Optional - Reversible shower proof jacket:** £15.00 (£17.50 for adult sizes Small and above)

GIRLS

- **Black blazer:** £19.00 (£22 if size 38 and above)
- **Black sleeveless jumper:** £8.50 (£9.50 if size 38 and above)
- **Tie:** one size £3.00
- **PE top:** £7.50 (£8.50 for adult sizes M and above)
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- **Rucksack:** £10.00
- **Optional - Reversible shower proof jacket:** £15.00 (£17.50 for adult sizes Small and above)
A hijab is also available at £6.50

In addition, children will need black trousers and a white shirt, plus black shoes, plain black socks and trainers for PE.

Staying in touch...

It's important to us that parents stay updated and have all the relevant information they need for their child starting the Academy in September.

As we have already mentioned we will be sending out more newsletters, staging the Parents Information Evening on July 2nd, and meeting you on a one-to-one basis. But in the meantime if you

have any other queries that crop up then feel free to contact us at info@miltonkeynesacademy.co.uk. You can also email the Principal direct at icaldicott@miltonkeynesacademy.co.uk. Alternatively you can ring us on **01908 802872**. During the summer holidays we will also be picking up texts on the Academy mobile which is **07855 393021**.

Don't forget there is also lots of useful information on our website at www.miltonkeynesacademy.co.uk



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The Newsletter for The Milton Keynes Academy

NEWSLETTER FOR FAMILIES OF STUDENTS IN YEAR 6 WHO WILL START AT THE ACADEMY IN SEPTEMBER 2009



Hello everyone,

The big countdown has begun – only four months to go until the opening of the fantastic new Milton Keynes Academy!

I hope you are as excited as I am. It's not only a momentous event for us, but for the whole of Milton Keynes.

We realise that you, as parents and pupils, are facing a huge change, because moving up to the 'big school' is an extremely important step in every child's education - especially when it's a brand new £27m innovative Academy!

That's why we have put together this newsletter. We want to give families with children currently in Year 6 all the information they need about their child starting at the Academy in September.

We hope to answer any questions we think you will have, including details on exactly what will happen on the first day, purchasing uniforms, getting a locker, buying lunch, and lots more.

So let's get started with an important date for your diary – **THURSDAY JULY 2ND**.

This is the date for a special **Parents Information Evening** for all Year 6 students. It will take place at Sir Frank Markham Community School in Seckloes sports hall between **3.30pm** and **6.30pm**. I will be giving presentations at 4.30pm and 5.30pm when you will hear lots of important and useful information. You will also get to meet the Year 7 team, have the opportunity to ask questions and buy the uniform.

Also, please don't be worried if there are things we haven't covered now. We will be sending out two more newsletters before September to keep you updated, plus there are loads of other ways to get in touch – just read inside and find out.

Look forward to seeing you on July 2nd!



Mrs Lorna Caldicott
Principal

THE FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL

Your first day
at the Academy
will be:

September 11th

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Students must arrive at 8.30am and enter the building at the new **Student Entrance** – which is where the current Seckloe building is. Parents can drop off or park in the Woughton Leisure Centre car park. There is also a secure bicycle park for students arriving by bike.

We realise children can be a little anxious on their first day so we are happy for parents to accompany them in. We will meet you just inside the Student Entrance and you can pop into the restaurant and have a cup of tea or coffee with us. Once students have left for lessons, a teacher will stay behind to answer any questions.

We have a really exciting and informative programme planned for the first day – which will include a fun arts project, an assembly and some taster lessons.



Here's what will happen:

Welcome to Year 7 Village

All students starting in Year 7 will have their own 'mini school' as they will be based in the 'Year 7 Learning Village' which is exclusively for the new intake pupils. That's where we will take students when they arrive. What's great about the Year 7 Learning Village is that it even has its own playground, which means younger students will be able to feel more confident about mixing with children of their own age. The Village will also have its own supervised toilet area.

Assembly

On the first day there will be a Year 7 assembly when students will be welcomed to the school, hear about the expectations from the Principal and also get to know which class they will be in. They will also meet all their key teachers and the Head of Learning Village.

Tours of the Building

All students will enjoy a guided tour of the campus. The only other year group starting on September 11th is Year 11, along with the sixth formers, who will be based in a completely different part of the building. This means it will be nice and quiet, and year 7's can take a proper look around and get a good feel for where things are. Each student will also receive a map showing exactly where everything is.

Timetable

The timetable will also be handed out along with a planner, which is a great source of information for parents about homework schedules and reminds children of their set work. All students will be having some taster lessons on their first day in the Year 7 Learning Village and we will also be running a special creative arts workshop.

Breakfast/Lunch

The restaurant and café will be open every day from 7.15am. Children can have breakfast and are allowed to go into the Year 7 Learning Village to work quietly and settle down before school starts.

Students will have half an hour for lunch every day. The time will vary depending on lessons, but it will be between 12noon and 1.30pm. The restaurant will serve a variety of tasty snacks and lunches, however students are welcome to bring a packed lunch.

Students are not allowed off the premises at lunchtime. We want the school to be a safe environment so once children arrive in the morning and lessons begin the site will be secured.

Any child staying behind to do homework or take part in activities/sports will also get a **FREE** snack and drink at 4.30pm in the restaurant.

Lockers

Each student in Year 7 will be allocated a locker. This is great for storing all your personal belongings such as books and PE kit. Students won't be doing PE on the first day but they may like to bring in their new kit to store in their locker.

Security Key/Payment Card

As a brand new Academy we have been able to introduce a high tech way for students to access their lockers and buy lunch. The biometrics system allows students to use their fingerprints as a means of identification. But don't worry

fingerprints are **NOT** stored - they are simply translated into a code, which tallies up with your child's ID. It allows them to open their locker, borrow library books and buy food in the restaurant. The system is very successful and is used widely throughout schools in the UK. It means children don't have to worry about carrying around money or risk the chance of losing a key/card.

Students are able to upload money onto their personal account via specially supervised money loaders, and later on parents will also be able to top them up on line or by cheque.

Books/Stationery

All children will need to bring basic stationery such as pens, pencils, a ruler, a rubber, pencil sharpener and some colouring pencils, plus it's a good idea for everyone to have a mini dictionary.

One-to-one Meetings

We would like to get to know each child who will be starting in Year 7 in September. We will be making appointments to see students and their parents during an afternoon in June at your current middle school. A letter will be sent about this shortly.

Meet the Year 7 Team

This is **Abbey Vallance** – the Year 7 Village Administrator. Mrs Vallance will be your first point of contact for any queries or questions you have.



The Head of Year 7 Learning Village will be **Derek Smulders**

who is a very experienced and popular teacher:

“I will be making sure that our Learning Village is a happy, fun, relaxed and challenging place,” he said.



Supporting Mr Smulders is Deputy Head of the Learning Village **Mr Martin Lancaster**

who will be responsible for watching the progress of every students in Year 7.



In **September** you will be given their direct phone lines and email addresses along with contact details of all the other key staff should you need to get in touch.