



Hardenhuish School

A High Performing Academy

Frequently asked Questions by Year 6 Pupils

1. How many subjects are there for year 7?

In Year 7 you will study: Art, Dance, Design Technology, Drama, English, French, Geography, History, ICT, Maths, Music, PE, PSHRE, Science and Spanish.

2. How long are lessons?

Single lessons are 50 minutes long and double lessons are 100 minutes.

3. Do you get breaks?

There is a 15 minute break in the morning and 45 minute break at lunchtime. You also have 5 minutes between single lessons to move across the site.

4. Do you have a weekly timetable?

Yes, the timetable will be the same each week.

5. How often do you see your tutor?

Tutor time is every morning from 8.30am to 8.45am. Over the week you will have a range of activities to cover and once a week you will have a whole year assembly with your Learning Manager.

6. How much homework is set?

Homework should always be relevant, challenging and meaningful and, therefore, will only be set when it is appropriate to do so. You may have more some weeks than others but the due dates are always spready out so its not all due in at the same time.

7. Where is homework recorded?

At Hardenhuish we use a website, Show my Homework to set all homework tasks. Pupils and parents receive logins to see all the tasks that are set and when they are due in.

8. Can I get help with my homework?

Teachers can be contacted during the school day or by email for help. There is also homework club that runs afterschool each week, which is supported with Sixth Form students who can help you with homework.

9. Can I sit with my friends in lessons?

While you may be in classes with friends from your primary school, teachers will assign seats to allow you to work with others from Year 7 so that you get to know each other.

10. What do I do if I get lost?

Hardenhuish is a large site and chances are you will get a little lost at first. During your induction days Year 7 are given a tour around the site. During the induction days Year 7 are the only year group on site to allow them to get used to where things are located. If you do become lost at any point there are always staff around to help you if needed.



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11. Are there any clubs I can join?

There are many extra curricular clubs that you can join ranging from sports clubs to subject specific clubs. Clubs are published on the school website termly.

12. Can I use the library?

The resources centre is open before, during and after school. During the school day the resources centre is open during break and lunch times. Some lessons are also timetabled in the resources centre.

13. Can I wear shorts?

Shorts are allowed as part of the uniform. Details to order these can be found in your welcome pack.

14. Can I bring in a mobile phone to school?

Mobile phones can be brought into school however these should be switched off and kept in bags throughout the school day, unless with the express permission of the teacher.

15. What are conduct cards?

To ensure that behaviour expectations around the school site (including uniform) are adhered to, all pupils are allocated with a conduct card at the start of every term. If a member of staff observes a pupil demonstrating any behaviour below expectations, they will issue a conduct card point to that pupil.

16. How do I buy food?

At Hardenhuish we operate a cash-less system. To purchase food pupils are issued a smart card. This can be topped up online through Hardenhuish Wisepay and then be used in any of the restaurants on campus.

17. Are there vegetarian options at lunchtime?

There is a range of hot and cold options available to pupils during both break and lunch times.

18. Are there any clubs at lunchtime?

Pupils may choose to attend one of the many different clubs at lunch time. These clubs are published on the school website and advertised on the daily school bulletin, which your Tutor will communicate to you during tutor time.

19. What do I do if I am worried?

As well as your Tutors, each year group has a Learning Manager and Pastoral Manager who you can talk to if you have any concerns. You will be shown where you can find the Year 7 office during your induction days.

20. Where do I get help for my lessons?

In lessons you can ask your subject teacher if you are stuck or need any help. You might also work with Learning Support who can support you in many ways.