

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Where do I go on my first day?

You will be able to enter the Sports Hall via the footpath to the right of reception. There will be Toynbee staff and helpers available and signs to show you where to go so please don't worry. You will be directed into the sports hall where you will see a sign with your tutor group on. You will line up with your tutor group and your tutor.

## The school is so big. What if I get lost?

You may be unsure of where your classroom is but all of our teachers are really helpful so please just ask. You will have a tour of the school and be provided with a map on your first day. Additionally, please look at our virtual video tour on our website.

Apart from the English Department all of our classrooms are on one level. The English department has two floors with a one-way system. All of the classrooms doors are clearly labelled. The classroom doors will have the letter of the department followed by a number, for example S2 (Science room 2) E6 (English room 6).

## Will the work be really hard?

The work that you will be set will be targeted towards your ability and at times the work may be challenging but achievable. If you find a piece of work difficult please speak to your teacher, ask an LSA or another pupil. The Learning Support department run a homework club after school which you could attend where you could get support.

## How much homework will I get?

We would expect you to get 2-3 hours of homework a week. You and your parents/carers will need to download an app called 'show my homework.' All of your teachers will put your homework on this app so you will need to look at it regularly. Your homework will be specific to your subject/topic and will be a variety of ways; design a poster, complete worksheets, half termly projects etc.

## What can you do at break and lunch?

Year 7 have their own area (Tennis courts) where they can meet their friends at break and lunch. You will be able to play football (you must provide your own football), read, eat your lunch or snacks using the picnic benches. There will be an opportunity later in the year to play football on the astro at break and lunch.

## What extracurricular clubs can I join?

At Toynbee we offer lots of extracurricular activities in different subjects before school, at break and lunch and after school. Clubs include; Science Club, Art Club, Homework club, a variety of sports clubs like Football, Netball, Rugby and many more.

Extracurricular activities are a great way of meeting new people, improving your self-esteem, exploring new activities, try different things and see what you are passionate about. We would love to see you at as many extracurricular activities as you can.

## What are achievement points?

All pupils will aim to collect as many achievement points as they can throughout their school year and they can be awarded by any member of staff at Toynbee. They can be given for positive behaviour, good work, consistently correct uniform, helpfulness, politeness and attendance.

We also recognise achievements and effort by sending letters and postcards home and inviting you to reward activities.

## Do I have to wear uniform?

Yes, you will be required to wear the Toynbee school uniform and the Toynbee PE kit. More information regarding this will be published at a later date due to COVID-19. We thank you for your patience with this matter.

## Can I go to the toilet during lessons?

You will only be allowed to go to the toilet during a lesson if you have a medical pass from Matron. You will be able to use the toilets before school, break and lunch time.

## What set/group will I be in for my lessons?

At Toynbee we always carry out baseline assessments for us to be able to have an accurate understanding of your ability and to enable us to plan effectively. We are in contact with your Primary and Junior Schools who will send us information on your progress. Most of your lessons will be with your Tutor Group, some departments will put you into a set or group depending on your ability.

## What can I buy from the canteen?

Our cashless canteen provides a variety of snacks and hot meals daily which you can purchase at break and lunch time. These include baguettes, sandwiches, cakes, biscuits, pizza, chicken burgers, spaghetti bolognese and a roast dinner.

## What if I lose my belongings?

Make sure that all your belongings are clearly labelled with your name and tutor group. If you do misplace something, ask a friend or member of staff to help you and if you still can't find it, you can go to lost property which is near reception and speak to Matron.

## Can I use my mobile phone in school?

Toynbee has a '**no mobile phone**' policy. Mobile phones should be switched off and in your bag at all times whilst you are in school. They should not be seen or heard throughout the school day.

## What sports do we do in PE?

You will participate in a variety of sports throughout your time at Toynbee. These will include Football, Rugby, Basketball, Badminton, Netball, Tennis, Athletics, Rounder's, Cricket, Gymnastics. You will have the opportunity to get involved in lots of extracurricular activities before and after school.

## Where do I go if I have a problem?

You will be able to speak to your friends, your tutor, your Guidance Manager or any member of staff. All the staff at Toynbee are very friendly and will be happy to support and listen to you.