

New Starters FAQ

1. Will my child visit as part of the secondary transition process?

We will be holding a transition day for new starters on Thursday 4th July 2024. Exact details will be confirmed nearer the time. To aid the secondary transition process for pupils and parents we have set up a Frequently Asked Question document on the website and a dedicated email address for new starters.

Email newstarters@stretfordgrammar.com

We will not be communicating directly with parents via these channels but will deal with any queries via the FAQ section on the website or by signposting queries on to the relevant department within school. **All of our information and updates will be tweeted and posted to the school's website in the "New Year 7 Starter" section under Admissions.**

2. How are lessons taught at Stretford Grammar?

Lessons are taught in 1 hour blocks with 5 lessons per day. Pupils move between classrooms and lessons. They may have the same teacher for more than one subject.

3. Do the pupils stay in the same groups for all lessons?

Yes, mostly. In Year 7 the majority of lessons are taught in form groups. This enables the pupils to get to know other pupils in their form groups well. Some subjects such as PE and D&T are taught in mixed groups for a variety of reasons e.g. health and safety numbers.

4. How can I purchase uniform?

Monkhouse are able to take online orders and will be able to advise you further. Please see their website for details and an up to date price list in available to view within this section

5. What is the format of the school day?

We recommend that the children arrive for school around 8.15am. The bell for registration goes at 8.25am and lessons begin at 8.50am. **More information on the structure of the school day can be found in the Parent Information Booklet available in the New Starters section on the school website.**

6. Who will my child's form tutor be?

Exact staffing is still to be confirmed. Each Year 7 form group has a tutor that they will see twice a day for registration and form time. They may also be taught by their Form Tutor. The Form Tutor will be the first point of contact for any issues or pastoral help that the pupils may need. If there is a question specific to subject work, the subject teacher should be contacted.

7. Who is my child's Progress Leader?

Miss King is the Progress Leader for Year 7 and will stay with the Year group for their journey through the first year at Stretford Grammar School.

8. I have not received any contact form the school yet – what should I do?

Our main communication is electronic. We will be communicating information and updates via email and items will also be posted on the school website. If you have not received any transition emails from us, please check your junk folder and mark the address as safe. If then needed, please contact the school office to check that the information we hold for contacting you is correct. Please note only one parent will receive e-mail correspondence until 1st September when both parents will then receive all e-mails (if requested).

9. My child is nervous and has some questions about the school, what should I do?

Please email any questions to us on the New Starters email. We will then compile these into a separate FAQ list for pupils and post to the school website. **Please watch out for information and updates!**

10. Do we need to pay the deposit for the Conway residential?

We are able to take the new Year 7s on a residential in September. No deposit needs to be paid yet. Updates will be sent out as soon as we can.

11. Do the school use the yellow bus service?

We do not use this service as there are so many transport options for children to get to the school. There are many bus routes via Edge Lane and the bus station at Stretford Mall is only a short walk away. The Metrolink stop for Stretford is also on Edge Lane and just a short walk from the school.

12. Is there a PTA at the school?

Yes most definitely! All parents are automatically members of the school PTA and do not need to register. All parents are welcome to attend all meetings and events held by the PTA throughout the school year. The PTA is always looking for volunteers and involvement in any way is most welcome. For any further information the PTA can be contacted at PTA.StretfordGrammar@gmail.com

If your question has not been answered here, please email newstarters@stretfordgrammar.com and we will address it and add it to the list.