



# Frequently Asked Questions

<b>Questions about how the School works</b>	<b>Answer</b>
What time does School start/ finish?	The bell for academic review goes at 8.40am. Please be in school for 8.35am. School finishes at 3.05pm
What times are break-times and lunch time?	Break time is at 10.50am until 11.05am. Lunch time is 12.05pm until 12.45pm.
What sort of food is sold? How much do things cost?	The canteen has a varied menu with different hot meals on different days (the menu is posted outside the canteen). At break time you can get toast, oatcakes, sausage rolls and sausage sandwiches. At lunch there will be a meal of the day (curry, pie, nuggets) with the addition of pasta, baked potatoes, sandwiches and a variety of cakes and cookies. A meal costs £2.20 and a drink between 70p-£1.20. So you may need approximately £3.50 per day. If you receive free school meals, you can collect your card from reception at break time.
Where do students go at lunch time?	You can sit in the canteen or the gym to eat your lunch, and then go outside or remain in the gym.
How much homework do you get?	This will vary depending on the subject and what week on the timetable it is. Core subjects may give out 2 pieces a week. Other subjects may give out 1 per week.
What happens if it isn't done?	If homework is not completed on time a 20 minute same day detention is issued. Pupils may be asked to attend homework club to complete it. A behaviour point is also issued.
Where can I do my homework in my free time?	The reading room has been set up for you to use at break and lunch. Homework club in room 17 is also available at lunchtime.
Who's the best person to talk to if I am having problems?	Your first port of call is your form tutor. They will help with any problem you encounter. Sometimes, they may pass it onto the head of learning if they cannot help.
How am I rewarded for my work?	Achievement points are awarded for excellent work and behaviour. These are totalled up at the end of a term and this can result in rewards such as film afternoons or fun activities.



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Can I take a bike? Where can I put it?	Yes you can come to school on your bike. There is a bike shed at the front of the school which is locked after the first bell in the morning. Please bring your own lock to secure your bike.
What do people wear to School?	All pupils must wear the Kidsgrove Secondary School uniform. This consists of trousers or a skirt, shirt, tie and blazer. Please see the uniform policy in your pack and on the website.
What sports kit will I need?	You will need the school PE shirt, short and socks (these are compulsory). In cold weather you may bring jogging bottoms or sports leggings and a dark jumper (not a hoodie).
Where can I buy it?	All the uniform and sports kit can be bought from our supplier Clive Mark in Newcastle. <b>25 High St, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Newcastle ST5 1QZ</b> <b>01782 621721</b>
Do I need my own pens and pencils?	Yes. Every morning your form tutor will check that you have all of your equipment (SMART START). You will need a black pen, green pen, pencil, ruler, rubber and planner. Your planner will be issued to you on your first day. KS3 will also need a reading book.
How does the timetable work?	We work on a two week timetable. This will be given to you on your first day. Each lesson will be a different subject and with a different teacher. All lessons are 1 hour long.
What subjects will I be able to study?	You will study core subjects (English, Maths and Science). You will also study Geography, Technology, Spanish, Art, PE, History, IT and Music.
What happens if I find the work hard?	If you are struggling with any work, ask your class teacher. You can wait until the end of the lesson if you find it easier. But don't struggle alone. Your form tutor is also there to help.
Does it offer anything after school?	There are lots of extra curricular clubs such as Netball, Football, Basketball, Trampolining, Cross country, Rounders and Art to name a few. These will be promoted at the start of every half term and are available on our website.