

Starting St David's High School 2020



Some information you might want to know....

What class will I be in?

You will be in a class with a mixture of pupils you know from your primary school, and pupils from all the other primary schools who are joining St David's High School. You will either be in St Cecilia House or in St Nicolas House.



How will I know where to go to class?

You will have S6 Buddies to look after you for the first week. Teachers will be in corridors to direct you as well. The Support Team will keep a close eye on you to make sure everything goes well.



How many lessons are there in one day?

There are 7 lessons in a day: classes start at 8.40am and end at 3.30pm; on a Friday school finishes at 1.05pm. Each lesson lasts 50 minutes; there are 3 lessons before a 15 minute break in the morning, then another 2 lessons before lunch time. Lunch time lasts 50 minutes, then there are two classes in the afternoon.

What subjects will I learn?

You will do English, Maths, History, Geography, French, Physical Education, Religious Education and Personal and Social Development. You will also have a number of practical classes which include Art, Music, Home Economics, Science, Computing and Craft and Design.





Where do I go if I am worried about something?

You must go to the Pupil Support Office. This is where your school 'mum' will sort all of your worries. If they can't help, they will contact your Guidance Teacher or someone else that can help.



Where do I get lunch?

You can have a school lunch in the canteen or you can bring a packed lunch to eat in the canteen. You will be given a 'pin' number which is like a mini bank account; you can put money in it so you use that to pay for your lunch, just like at primary school.



What can I do at break and lunch time?

You can go to the social areas in school or go out into the schools grounds with your friends. S1 are not allowed to leave to school campus at break or lunch time. You can sign up for lunch time clubs in different areas of the school so that you have something to do.



What if the work is too hard?

First of all you should tell your teacher. If you do not want to do that, you can go to Pupil Support and tell your school 'mum'; they will be able to speak to your class teacher or your Guidance Teacher so that you do not have to worry about your work.



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What if I miss the school bus?

Just try and get in to school as soon as you can - better late than never!

When you come in late go to Pupil Support where you will let your school 'mum' know that you are in school and safe.

You will receive an information letter during the summer holiday about your bus pass.



What if I have a dentist or doctor appointment?

Your parent or carer must let Pupil Support know so that you can go to your appointment, and you must sign out in the Pupil Support Office before you leave.



What do I do if I hurt myself?

Can you guess where you go? Yes, that's right, you go to Pupil Support, where your school 'mum' will see if you need any special treatment. We have teachers trained in First Aid if you need to be checked out.



Will I make new friends?

Just remember that going to High School is new for all pupils starting S1.

There will be lots of opportunities to make new friends as well as staying friends with classmates from primary. You will meet new people in your classes, in the clubs you join and on any trips that you want to be a part of. You will also make friends with older pupils as the S5 and S6 keep a close eye on new S1s to look after them.

