

Questions – Q & A Thursday 26th June

1) Good morning, will my child be in a form with someone from their primary school? (where multiple children are moving up from the same school)

Yes, we do aim to put students with somebody they will know from primary school.

2) Is there any summer work the children need to do?

Yes, the Haileybury Turnford shield activity will need to be completed. More information about this can be found in the student transition booklet. We are also setting some summer activities and challenges from our taster lessons.

3) I saw an email about a transition day in August. Is this likely to go ahead?

Yes, we plan to run several transition mornings in August so that our students can become familiar with the school. More information will be sent out regarding this shortly (it will be dependent on the guidance for schools at this time).

4) What subjects do students study during Year 7?

Our students study a large range of subjects including English, Maths, Science, Creative Arts, Design & Technology, Humanities and Physical Education.

5) When will they know who their form tutor will be?

Students will know who their form tutors are very shortly. We will be sending you a letter to inform you of this information.

6) What extra-curricular clubs are available?

We have lots of co-curricular clubs on offer at Haileybury Turnford including many sports clubs. We will be sharing these with our students at the start of the academic year.

7) If my child struggles who do I need to contact?

In the first instance you should contact the subject teacher (all email addresses are found on our school website).

8) Can you child cycle to school?

Yes, your child can cycle to school, however they must wear a helmet. We do have facilities on site to store your bike and you are advised to bring a bike lock.

9) As the government are talking about uniform and not to wear branded uniform. Will you update us as soon as you know? Just thinking ahead of buying uniform?

If this question is referring to whether students should wear school uniform or not, post COVID-19, we will follow government advice; our students are currently wearing uniform to school.

If referring to ensuring uniform is well priced, this is very important to us, and there are only very few branded items which need to be bought e.g. blazer, skirt, badge, tie. Our uniform supplier is very competitively priced.

10) My child has a physical disability and struggles with PE what provision is there for them to take part?

Our PE Faculty is inclusive and make reasonable adjustments to PE lessons so that all students can participate in the activities. Provision will be provided with changing if this is needed.

11) Can my child wear black trainers to school or do they have to be shoes?

School shoes must be worn rather than black trainers.

12) Is there a rewards system for good work and behaviour?

Yes, we award achievement points through a system called Class Charts. We like to promote excellent achievement and behaviour.

13) How do you support children who are classed as young carers?

We have a Young Carers Champion and coordinator who will support your child by offering an opportunity to meet individually and as a group with other Young Carers on a regular basis. We offer our Young Carers support in a number of different ways and have a variety of different activities Young Carers can become involved in to feel supported and connected with others.

14) How does my child pay for their school dinners?

The school operates a cashless catering system. The primary method of payment is through Parent Pay. Each student is biometrically identified using an algorithm taken from an electronic finger imprint, allowing them to pay for meals. As each child pays the same way no one knows who has or has not got a Free School Meal (FSM) allowance which removes any associated potential stigma.

You can pay between one week and one year's dinner money onto your child's account. The school automatically sets an upper limit of £5 on the amount of money that can be spent in one day. If you would like this amount changed, please call the school to amend the amount either to increase or decrease their daily allowance. For those students receiving Free School Meals (FSMs) the allowance is loaded onto the account daily. You are welcome to 'top up' the FSM allowance at any time, particularly if your child plans to use the Dining Hall at any other time apart from lunchtime.

15) If a mobile phone or jewellery is confiscated is this until the end of the school day and where is it collected from?

The school office at the end of the day.

16) Where does my child go if they bring their own lunch?

This can still be eaten in the school dining room with students who are buying food from the school.

17) How many non-school uniform days do you have per year?

This can vary. Our Student Leadership Group and Charity Ambassador Groups decide and request certain charities and causes they would like to organise to raise money for and the request is submitted to the Senior Leadership Team.

18) If my child has misbehaved in a lesson do you keep them after school for a detention on the same day?

A student will receive a Red Card for a one-off serious behaviour incident where the student has not followed our minimum expectations of being Ready, Respectful and Safe. The student will be removed from the lesson to work in our Isolation Room for the duration and remainder of this lesson. The school will notify Parents of the Red Card and the student will receive a one-hour payback (detention) with a member of the Senior Leadership Team. The school will arrange contact with home and the student will have a restoration meeting with the member of staff to re-set expectations before returning to the lesson the next time.

19) Good morning. What is your policy on racism and how are pupils educated to be anti-racist?

We are proud to be a diverse and inclusive school and place significant value in promoting equality for all and firmly believe education is key and that we can bring about positive change. We strongly believe in Teaching our children to be anti-racist and want to encourage a school where we have respect and equality for all. Our statement and mission can be found here:

<https://haileyburyturnford.com/black-lives-matter-statement-from-haileybury-turnford/>

20) Are the lockers inside classrooms or outside classrooms?

Outside classrooms

21) Will my child's locker be checked even if she has personal belongings in there?

Generally, no, but only if we have a specific reason relating to a health and safety, safeguarding or hygiene reason.