



**YOUR QUESTION'S
ANSWERED**

STUDENT BOOKLET



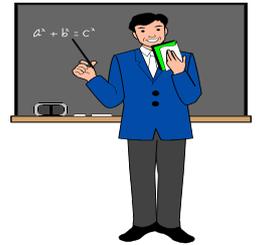
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Are there playtimes and what do you do during them?

You have one playtime in the morning and you normally go outside to play with your friends. At lunchtimes you can also play outside or there are lots of clubs you can attend.

How many students will be in my class and will I be in the same class as my friends from Primary School? There will usually up to 30 students in your class. You may not be with your friends as we try to encourage you to meet lots of new people.

What are the teachers like? The teachers are very kind and funny once you get to know them. They are only strict when they need to be, so don't be naughty!



How many lessons will I have each day and what will they include?

There are five lessons a day. Each lesson lasts one hour. They will basically be the same subjects that you have in Primary School, plus some new ones that you will have chance to try. When you get older you will choose the subjects you wish to study for GCSE.



What languages are taught? We teach Spanish at Central Academy.

Will the work be hard? Work is challenging but the teachers will always be happy to help you.

Do I get rewards for good work? Yes, you may be given rewards, certificates, vouchers, Headteacher's Awards and prizes. Also, at the end of each term there are presentation assemblies where excellent work, attendance and punctuality are celebrated.



Will I get homework? Yes you will. Homework needs to be completed daily more information will be sent to you in September.

Do I get lots of reports? You get 2 short reports during Year 7 to see how you are getting on and one main report.

What sports will I study? You will study various sports including Basketball, football, netball. There are also lots of school teams including athletics.



Can I wear named trainers as long as they are black? NO - uniform is important in our school. You must wear black sensible shoes, black trainers are NOT allowed around school but you can wear trainers for PE.



When am I allowed to use the Multi Use Sports area? You will use the Multi sports area during PE and sports clubs enrichment and at lunch time.

What are dinners like and how much do they cost? Delicious! There are lots of healthy choices including sandwiches, baguettes and hot food. Dinners cost about £2.50 per day depends on individual choice. We also get free breakfast every morning cereal and bagels.



Are there any clubs for year 7's? There are excellent clubs that take place before school, at lunchtimes, after school such as Sport Clubs, Drama Club, Computer Club, Netball Club, and more detail will be sent to you in September.

Will I have the chance to take part in any competitions in school? We are always looking for people to take part inter school games. There are regular competitions that you can take part in such as sports, poetry and drama, to name but a few.

What trips and visits am I likely to go in Year 7? You will do lots of activities and you will get to know other students and your teacher much better. You will also go on trips in different subjects. Visits regularly to the Birmingham library too! There are also reward trips throughout the year for students who are always very well behaved and whole school end of year trips to look forward to.



What are the school's facilities like? We have specialist rooms for all of your subjects including Dance studio, Fitness Suite, specialist Art and DT rooms, Science Labs, Music Studios, Drama Room, ICT Suite, Multimedia Room.

Are there lots of computers? We have 4 ICT suites with flat screens which can be used for all lessons and also for extra-curricular activities and to complete homework set.



Can I go on the Internet? Yes you can but you must follow the school guidelines. Everyone in school has their own password so they can get onto the Internet.

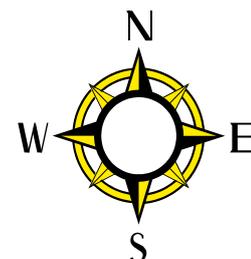
What clothing/equipment will I need? You will get a uniform/equipment list before you start. You must wear correct uniform daily and have the equipment ready for lessons.

Can I bring a mobile phone/MP3 player or Ipad to school? Central Academy has a clear mobile phone policy. You are NOT allowed devices out during lesson or break time, it must be switched off and in your bag until you leave the school site.

Who can help me if I have a problem? You can see a member of the Primary transition team. Who have been trained to support students in Year 7, or if it's serious go to your Form Tutor or Head of Year.

Will I make new friends? Of course you will. It's simple really, just ask other students questions like 'What's your name?' or 'What school did you go to?' That will soon get you chatting!

What happens if I get lost? They will be signs around the building to help you find your way around, but if you get lost just ask someone and they will be more than happy to help.



Is there much bullying and if so how is it dealt with? It is very unlikely you will get bullied but if you feel worried or scared, tell someone. All bullying is treated very seriously. There are lots of people who will support and help you.

What punishments are there for bad behaviour? If you are naughty you may get a detention. (after school). We use a app system call class charts when keep you and your parents up-to-date with both praise and sanctions. For very serious offences your parents will be asked to come up to school. We will exclude any students who persist in bad behaviour.

What sort of things will I receive a detention for? These are some of the things that you might get a detention for - not completing your homework (without a very good reason), being rude/naughty, being late to school, not having your equipment.

We hope this booklet has answered many of your questions!

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