Welcome to Heath Lane Academy



Advance to Go...

We are really excited to welcome you into our school. This is a new and exciting time for you as a Year 7 student at Heath Lane Academy. It will be a brand new start for you, a chance to make a lot of new friends, try new things and develop new and existing skills. It's completely normal to feel a little nervous, but you will be surprised at how soon you settle in and feel at home.

We want you to work hard, take advantage of every opportunity and enjoy your time at Heath Lane Academy.

What will happen on your first day?

On your first day you will arrive in your new smart looking uniform through the side gate. You should arrive at 8.35am to familiarise yourself with the surroundings. You will then be collected by a member of staff and taken into our theatre where the day and expectations will be explained to you.

You will spend some time with your new tutor who will explain more about the academy expectations and you will have a chance to meet and get to know the members of your new tutor group.

You will then start your new timetable and start to meet your new teachers and classes. These are the first steps in your learning journey at Heath Lane Academy.

Support at Heath Lane Academy

We have a wonderful team of staff at the Academy. They are all there to support and guide you and you can talk to them if you need to.

Senior Leadership Team



Mr Trimingham Principal



Mr Watts Vice Principal



Mr Wazir Vice Principal



Mrs Curtis Assistant Principal



Mrs Smith Assistant Principal



Miss Hoar Assistant Principal



Mrs Riley Associate Assistant Principal



Mrs Brightwell Associate Assistant Principal

Student Services



Mrs Huckle Attendance Officer



Miss Wheeler Safeguarding Officer



Mrs Jarvis Head of Year



Mrs Mitchell SENCO

What do I need to bring with me on my first day?

You will need to bring your bag. This needs to be of a decent size, a rucksack is easiest to carry, traveling to and from and around school. You will also need equipment. You will need a pencil case, at least 2 black pens, 1 green pen, pencils, a ruler, eraser, highlighters, a sharpener, colouring pencils and a scientific calculator.



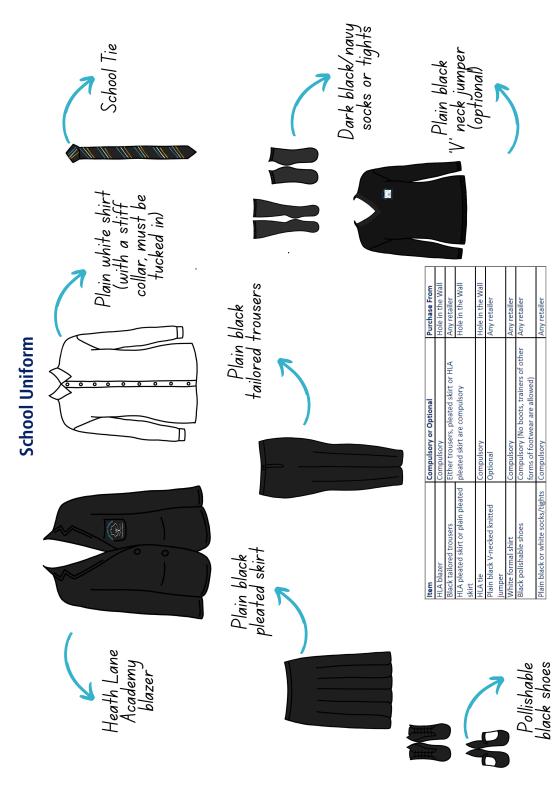
You will have received a pack of forms for your parents to read through and return and in this pack, there is information on what uniform you need.

Uniforms can be purchased from Hole in the Wall

Make sure you follow the uniform guide and don't buy trousers or shoes that do not follow these guidelines as we are strict about uniforms and want every student to be smart and stick to the uniform rules. It is part of our Academy discipline and high standards and we want visitors in the Academy and everyone who sees you in the local community to see the high standards and expectations we have in place. The Governors of Heath Lane Academy support the view that uniform shall be worn.

All children are therefore expected to wear the uniform, which is kept as simple and inexpensive as possible.

- Polishable black shoes
- Plain black tailored trousers
- Heath Lane skirt or a plain black pleated knee-length skirt
- Plain white shirt (with stiff collar must be tucked in)
- School tie
- Plain black 'V' neck jumper (optional)
- Dark black/navy socks or tights
- Heath Lane blazer (no cardigans are allowed to be worn in school)
- Make-up should be natural and minimal.
- No extremes of hairstyle and hair should be of a natural colour.



PE Kit

This PE Kit applies for all Secondary Phase students. The Heath Lane Academy PE Kit includes mandatory and optional garments to wear. These are detailed in the descriptions below.

You are expected to arrive to school in PE kit on the days you have PE. You will also wear your PE kit for performing arts lessons - for the Dance module only, we will inform you when this is during the year. If students are unable to take part in PE physically, they will need a note from parents/carers/guardians and will be given lighter duties in PE lessons, they must still come to school in their PE kit so they can referee, coach or take part in some other way.

If you have any questions, please check the uniform policy on the school website.

PE Kit:

- Trainers (no Vans/no Converse/no Pumps)
- Heath Lane branded polo shirt and shorts
- Heath Lane branded shorts or shorts can be plain navy (logo no bigger than 4cm squared)
- Heath Lane branded or plain navy shorts/tracksuit bottoms/sports leggings
- Heath Lane branded sports top
- White ankle socks and long black hockey/football socks
- Hockey/football boots (optional)
- Shin pads/ mouth guards and protective clothing as necessary
- Black football socks



The School Day

The timetable for the school day is detailed below, Students should arrive promptly ontime at 8.35am.

8.40am - 9.10am	Prep Time
9.10am -10.00am	Period 1
10.00am - 10.50am	Period 2
10.50am - 11.10am	Break time
11.10am - 12.00pm	Period 3
12.00pm - 12.50pm	Period 4
12.50pm - 1.30pm	Lunch time
1.30pm - 2.20pm	Period 5
2.20pm - 3.10pm	Period 6

Arrive at school by 8.35am

End of school day is 3.10pm

Year 7 Timetable

You will all get an individual timetable when you join us in August. A typical Year 7 timetable looks like the one below. The subject is written first, and the initials are the class teacher and these are named below the subject.

Finally, the last bit of information is the room the lesson will be in. (For PE there is not a room allocated as it will depend on the activity you are doing, it could be the sportshall, astro turf, courts, field etc. Performing Arts is in the theatre).

Your form tutor will go through your timetable with you. You will also have some older pupils with you in your form who will take your lessons in the first few days at Heath Lane.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
08:00					
	08:40-09:10	08:40-09:10	08:40-09:10	08:40-09:10	08:40-09:10
09:00	09:10-11:10	09:10-10:10	09:10-10:10	09:10-10:10	09:10-10:10
	KS3 Core Physical Education: Yr 7: 7a/Pe1	KS3 Science: Yr 7: 7a/Sc4	KS3 Performing Arts: Yr 7: 7a/Pa4	KS3 Food and Nutrition: Yr 7: 7a/Fo4	KS3 Music: Yr 7: 7a/Mu4
10:00		10:10-11:10	10:10-11:10	10:10-11:10	10:10-11:10
		KS3 Art: Yr 7: 7a/Ar4	KS3 Science: Yr 7: 7a/Sc4	KS3 French: Yr 7: 7a/Fr1	KS3 English: Yr 7: 7a/En3
11:00		l	l	l	
	11:30-12:30	11:30-12:30	11:30-12:30	11:30-12:30	11:30-12:30
12:00	KS3 English: Yr 7: 7a/En3	KS3 English: Yr 7: 7a/En3	KS3 Geography: Yr 7: 7a/Ge1	KS3 Mathematics: Yr 7: 7a/Ma2	KS3 Mathematics: Yr 7: 7a/Ma2
	12:30-13:30	12:30-13:30	12:30-13:30	12:30-13:30	12:30-13:30
13:00	KS3 Science: Yr 7: 7a/Sc4	KS3 Mathematics: Yr 7: 7a/Ma2	KS3 Mathematics: Yr 7: 7a/Ma2	KS3 English: Yr 7: 7a/En3	KS3 French: Yr 7: 7a/Fr1
14:00					
	14:15-15:20	14:15-15:20	14:15-15:20	14:15-15:20	14:15-15:20
	KS3 Geography: Yr 7: 7a/Ge1	KS3 History: Yr 7: 7a/Hi1	KS3 Religious Education: Yr 7: 7a/Re1	KS3 History: Yr 7: 7a/Hi1	KS3 Science: Yr 7: 7a/Sc4
15:00		l	L		

What do I do if I need the toilet and I'm in a lesson?

If you need the toilet during a lesson, you will need to put your hand up and ask the teacher. If you have a medical reason which means you need to go, you will be issued with a toilet pass. In general, we don't go to the toilet during lessons as we miss learning time. Try and remember to go at break and lunch. However, we all get caught out sometimes so just put your hand up and ask if you really can't wait until the next break.

What about homework in Year 7?

Your child will be given weekly online Sparx homework for Maths, English and Science. Other subject teachers will also give homework. It is important you are keeping on top of your homework and managing to complete the the work on time.

What do you do at break time?

You will go into the canteen for your break and at lunch or you could also choose to go into the Year 7 area. At break, you can buy a snack and a drink from the canteen or bring one from home.

What do you do at lunchtime?

We have a cashless system at school where your parents will have access to an account and will be able to put money on for you. You will have your finger scanned, then when you buy food, the money will come off of your account. If you have free school meals, the money will automatically go onto your account and you get your finger scanned and the money will come off of your account. If you have free school meals, parents/carers can also top up your account if you want to buy a snack at break as well as lunch food. Here is our summer 3 week menu as a guide to the foods we have on our menu.

Gree	n Earth Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thuraday	Friday
Cheese,	arvest Quesadilla with Potato, Spring Onion Fomato Salsa (V)	Marinated Chicken Drumstick with Rice or Wedges Chicken Wings with Rice or Wedges	Roast Chicken with Gravy & Roasties Filled Chicken Sausges, with Gravy & Roasties or with Mash (H)	Chill Chilli BBQ Beef & Bean Ragu with Penne Rage of the second s	Sustainably Sourced Batto Fish & Chips Grilled Sausage & Chip e ⁵ / ₂ ®
Crispy C	Onion Mac & Cheese (V)	Oven – Baked Onion Bhaji Burger & Wedges केंट्रेक 🎊 🍻	Roast Quorn with Gravy & Roasties	Roasted Coriander Sweet Potato & Chickpea with Tomato & Coconut Dhal with Steamed Mixed Rice (Ve)	Cheese & Tomato Pizz
Vegan	Sausage Roll (Ve)	Piri Chicken Wrap with Rice or Wedges 속동 《 (종)	Pizza panini +5* 🎊 🂽	Loaded Wedges with BBQ Pork, Beans & Roasted Sweetcorn	Pepperoni Pizza 💱 🛅 Wedges/Chips
Tom	ato & Basil Pasta	Chicken Tenders with Rice or Wedges 전 45 중 중	Chilli Chicken Pasta	Sweet & Sour Chicken & Rice	Pasta Arrabbiata ∉55
Baked Mixed	Broccoli, Beans 1 & & , Salad, Crisp Garlic Bread	Extras Corn On the Cob 55p, Garlic Bread 55p or BBQ Beans 55p	Country Mixed Vegetables, Baked Beans 🍄 🎊 💌, Mixed Salad	Baked Beans 🍄 🆑 🧼, Garden Salad, Sri Lankan Vegetable Salad, Wedges	Peas, Baked Beans 😚 🎊 ਓ Mixed Salad
	Marble Cake	Iced Sponge	Ginger Cake & Custard	Giant Chocolate Cookie	Apple Crumble & Custa

	Green Earth Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
T*R DISH	Cheese & Tomato 'Pizza' Macaroni Cheese (V)	Marinsted Chicken Drumstick with Wedges or Rice Right States of Rice 2 Chicken Wings with Rice or Wedges	Roast Gammon Crispy Roasties & Pan Gravy	Beef Kashmir Curry & Rice	Sustainably Sourced Batterer Fish & Chips Oven Baked Chicken Nugget & Chips 45
HAT	Buffalo Cauliflower & Mixed Bean Burrito 🦸 🎊 💽	Vegetable Burger with Wedges कुष्ट्रि सि	Roasted Sweet Potato & Cheese Tart with Roast Potatoes 속한 같	Cheesy Quorn Meatballs with Arrabbiata Sauce & Penne Pasta	Cheese & Tomato Pizza & Wedges/Chips
AB	Vegetable Chilli & Rice	Chicken Tikka Wrap with Wedges or Rice	Pasta Primavera (Ve) ⊕500	Sticky Honey Hotdog & Onions $\mathfrak{q}_{\frac{2}{2}\mathfrak{P}}^{\frac{2}{2}\mathfrak{P}}$	Pepperoni Pizza & Wedges/Chips
T IN' STY	Tomato & Basil Pasta 4ईक 🎊 🗭	Chicken Tenders with Wedges or Rice	Chicken Jalfrezi & Steamed Rice	Meatballs with cheese and arrabbiata sauce and penne pasta 450	Beef Bolognese Pasta Pot 편구와 소용 Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayonnaise
	Broccoli, Baked Beans 😚 🐇 🕏, Mixed Salad, Crisp Garlic Bread	Extras Corn On the Cob 55p, Garlic Bread 55p or BBQ Beans 55p	Seasonal Mixed Vegetables, Baked Beans 😚 😤 🍻 Mixed Salad	Baked Beans 😚 🎊 🍉, Asian Slaw, Garlic Green Beans, Garden Salad	Peas, Baked Beans 🧐 🎊 🥌 Mixed Salad
DAY'S SERTS	Lemon & Blueberry Slice with Custard	Flapjack	Iced Vanilla Sponge with Custard	Jam Sponge or Cornflake Cake	Giant Chocolate Cookie

	Green Earth Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Roasted Cauliflower Cheese Tart with Homebaked Potato Wedges	Beak Street Chicken with Savoury Rice & BBQ Glaze	Greek Style Layered Beef & Pasta Bake Pasta Bake Pasta Bake Roast Chicken with Gravy & Roast Potatoes	Butter Chicken & Chickpea Curry with Rice 전국한 중 《문	Sustainably Sourced Battered Fish & Chips Oven Baked Chicken Goujons & Chips Φ_2^{5p}
	Vegetable Bolognese Pasta with Garlic Bread Slice	Dirty Quorn Burger with Wedges or Rice	Greek Style Vegetable Pastitsio (Layered Pasta Bake)	Roasted Cauliflower & Sweet Potato "Butter" Curry with Rice (V) +5+ 4 (*)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza 🗳 🚺 & Wedges/Chips
)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Chicken Fajita Wrap with Rice or wedges	Halal Chicken Sausage Roll	BBQ Veggie Melt (V)	Pepperoni Pizza 😚 🚼 🗞 Wedges/Chips
	Vegetable Tikka Masala with Mixed Rice बईक 🎊 🍻	Chicken tenders with Rice or Wedges	Oriental Chicken & Rice 配네와 오슈	Tomato & Basil Pasta Pot (Ve)	Beef Bolognese Pasta Pot
	Broccoli, Baked Beans 😚 🖑 🍻, Mixed Salad, Crisp Garlic Bread	Extras Corn On the Cob 55p, Garlic Bread 55p or BBQ Beans 55p	Italian Garden Salad, Country Mixed Vegetables	Baked Beans 🍄 🎊 🥩, Steamed Broccoli	Peas, Baked Beans 😚 🌾 🍉 Mixed Salad
	Jam Sponge	Marble Chocolate Sponge with Custard	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Iced Orange & Ginger Traybake with Custard 🛅	Giant Vanilla Cookie

How will I make new friends?

We are a friendly school and therefore making new friends will be easy, if you at first are finding it a little difficult don't worry the pastoral team will help you. Many of you will join with other students from your primary school and we speak to your Year 6 teachers for advice about who to put you in a tutor group with so that as far as possible, you will be in a tutor group with at least one friend. Moving to secondary school is a great chance to make new friends. Some of our students are coming on their own from their primary schools, without friends and so get the chance to make a whole group of new friends.

What do I do if I don't know where to go for my lesson?

We have a system in school where first thing in the morning you come in and go to your year group area. There will be members of staff around to let you know where you are going. You will also be given a map of the school and will have your new timetable to help you find your way around.

Within a very short space of time, you will know where you need to go and the school will not feel as big as when you first arrived.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are a part of our everyday lives and we accept a lot of pupils may have their own phones. If brought onto school premises, they are the sole responsibility of the pupil and once on site all phones must be switched off all day and kept in your bag. This includes breaks and lunchtimes. If a phone is seen (switched on or off) it will be confiscated and a parent/carer may be asked to come into the school to collect it. This policy is in place to ensure that everyone remains focused on learning, and enjoy social times without distraction. It is also important that in the technology-filled lives we all now have, pupils have a break from this.

I'm worried about being bullied - what should I do?

We aim to support you with any issues that you may have. We do not tolerate bullying but need you to tell us if there is an issue so we can help to sort it out. You can talk to any member of staff about problems and they will try to help or ask the pastoral team to help you. The pastoral team will work with you to resolve your issues.

What is the behaviour system and how does it work?

Our mission is to 'develop good people' and we pride ourselves on the high expectations we have of our students in everything that we do. Our school has improved significantly in recent years and our pupil numbers continue to grow as a result.

Our school culture, based on our values of Work Hard, Be Kind and Be Respectful, demands that students are well behaved and demonstrate a positive attitude to their education. Students and staff understand that our strong culture gives our students the best possible chance to be successful in their lives and make a positive contribution to our community and wider society.

If you follow these guidelines, you'll have a chance to earn merits and awards. However, if you decide not to follow the rules, we'll start with a friendly warning, this is called a chance to change. After the friendly warning, a Step 1 may be given, if you have not adjusted your behaviour, this will result in a 20 minute detention after school. Step 2 means you have continued to not adjust your behaviour resulting in a 50 minute detention after school. Step 3 means you are removed from the lesson, but don't worry, you will have some time in our reflection room to reflect on your choices. Plus, there is a 50 minute after school detention. We'll also send a text to your parent or carer to let them know about the detention.

Can I get rewards for working and behaving well?

Yes, you certainly do get rewards, with merits and certificates and other items, such as a jump the queue lunch pass and vouchers.

Transition Reading List



A transition reading list helps children moving from Year 6 to Year 7 by easing anxiety, enhancing literacy skills, and fostering a love for learning in their new school environment.

We have selected the following books as recommendations to read:

- New Kid by Jerry Graft
- Being Miss Nobody by Tamsin Winter
- Amari and the Night Brothers by B.B Alston
- The Super Miraculous Journey of Freddie Yates by Jenny Pearson
- The Secondary School Survival Guide Go Big by Matthew Burton
- Can you see me by Libby Scott and Rebecca Westcott

BBC Bitesize

There are some really helpful videos on BBC Bitesize that you can watch to see that moving from primary to secondary school isn't as scary as it might seem. Check out the websites below and share it with your mum and dad. You'll find lots of useful videos and ideas that will help you understand what to expect and ease any worries you might have about joining your new school. Watching these videos together can make you feel more confident and excited about the transition, showing you that there's nothing to fear and plenty to look forward to in Year 7!

Links to the various websites can be found here: <u>Starting Secondary School</u> <u>Parents Survival Guide- transition resources</u>



If you still have questions we are here to help.

A member of staff will get back to you as soon as possible.



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