Frequently asked questions

- Q. What is the daily school routine? Break, lunch and how long are the lessons?
- A. Each lesson lasts for one hour and you will have five different lessons in one day. There is a copy of what the timetable will look like on a separate attachment.
- Q. How do I apply for transport?

A. If you will travel using a Wiltshire bus, then you need to contact Wiltshire directly where you can apply for a bus pass. If you are eligible to use one of the Sarum Academy minibuses, please contact Mr Ramage via email at mark.ramage@sarumacademy.org.

- Q. What time do we start and finish school?
- A. The Academy day starts at 8.30am and it finishes at 3pm.
- Q. What is the format of the school day?

		Academy Day	SARUM			
Start 08:30	Finish 08:40	Registration	Duration 10 minutes			
08:40	09:40	Period 1	-60 minutes			
09:40	10:40	Period 2	-60 minutes			
10:40	11:00	Break	:20 minutes			
11:00	12:00	Period 3	-60 minutes			
12:00	13:00	Period 4	-60 minutes			
13:00	13:35	Lunch	:35 minutes			
13:35	14:35	Period 5	-60 minutes			
14:35	15:00	Prep / Collective Worship / Assembly	:25 minutes			
15:00		Enrichment	Up to 60 minutes			
ASPIRATION EXCELLENCE						

This is also available in larger form in the parent information section of the transition page.

Q. Which date do I start?

A. Your first day will be Thursday 2nd September 2021 and you need to arrive by 8.20am. There will be staff to meet you at the door.

Q. What will my first day look like?

A. The first day is an induction day and you will spend time with your tutor getting to know everyone in your tutor group, learn how to use the biometric system (finger print), learn how to use the IT equipment and you will familiarise yourself with where the different rooms are in the Academy.

Q. Which tutor group will I be in and will I be with my friends?

A. You will be told who you tutor will be before you break up for the summer holiday. We always try to put you with someone who you will know from Primary school. If you are the only person coming from your Primary school don't worry as there will be other people in the same situation as you. By the end of the first day you will have met lots of new friends!

Q. If the bus is late who do we speak to?

A. If the school bus is late the member of staff on duty will inform Pupil Services so that you will not get into trouble.

If you catch a public bus and it is late you need to sign in at Pupil Services when you arrive.

Q. Will buses be running on the first day of term for Year 7?

A. Yes, all bus services will run as normal on the first day.

Q. What equipment will I need?

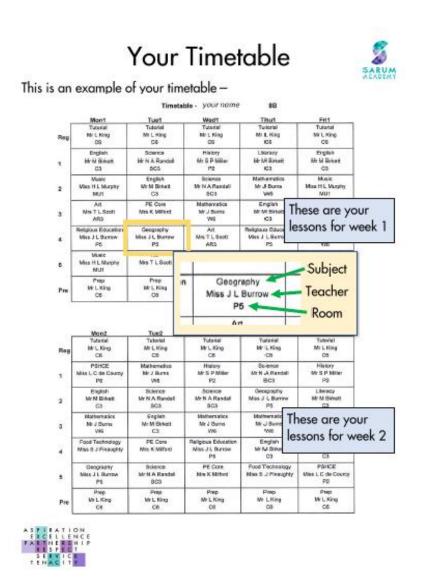
A. You will need a black pen, pencil, ruler and a reading book every day.

Q. Where can I go for help?

A. if you have any questions or need some help you can go and see your tutor or you can go straight to Pupil Services and they will help you.

Q. Do we have a timetable?

A. You will be given a timetable which you need to write into your planner. If you lose your timetable you can ask Pupil Services to get you another one. I would suggest that you keep a copy on the fridge at home.



There is a larger timetable for you to look at in the parent information section on this page.

We also provide visual timetables for students who need one.

Q. What do we do if we get lost in the Academy?

A. You can ask any of the pupils or staff to help you or if you know where Pupil Services is then they will help you to find what you were looking for.

Q. What do the teachers look like?

A. We have photographs of all of the staff on the wall as you enter the main reception at the Academy. There are photographs of the staff on the website.

Q. Where is my locker?

A. You will be able to access a locker in your shared learning area. You will need a padlock that has a number code and you need to tell a member of staff what your code is in case you forget.

Q. What happens if we lose our uniform?

A. It is unlikely that you will lose your uniform but if you do, you need to tell Pupil Services as they will be able to help you. I would recommend that you write your name in your uniform as this makes it easier for us to return it to you.

Q. What do I do with my PE kit?

A. You only need to bring your PE kit in when you have a PE lesson on your timetable (or are attending and after school enrichment). When you're not using it you can keep it in your locker.

Q. Will we be with our friends?

A. We will try and put you with people that you know but you will make lots of new friends as you will have different lessons. You will be able to see your friends at break time and lunch time if you are not in the same class.

Q. What snacks do we have for break?

A. You can buy hot and cold snacks at break time and you can bring your own snacks from home. We don't allow energy drinks in the Academy.

Q. Do we need money?

A. You can bring money each day and put the money onto your account but your parents may choose to out money on your account for you so you won't need to bring any money with you.

- Q. What are the lunches like?
- A. Here is one of the various menus that we have, they rotate every three weeks
- Q. How do I pay for lunch?
- A. After you have chosen your lunch, you take it to the till and place your finger on the scanner. The money is then taken off your account.
- Q. What is our Lunch menu like?

A. There are lots of different foods available in the dining hall and the chef changes the menu regularly. There are examples of the menu included in this booklet. If you have an allergy or intolerance you need to let us know and we can inform the chef.



Q. Can we go outside for breaks?

A. You are allowed to go outside for break and lunch times and can play on the hard courts and on the field in the summer.

Q. What do we do for a wet break time?

A. If it is wet, you can go into the dining hall or in your shared learning area with your year group.

Q. Do we have Urinals?

A. We don't have urinals. We have toilets for boys and girls in each shared learning area and around the Academy.

Q. How do I know which colour stripe to buy for my tie and PE uniform?

A. Before you break up for the summer holiday we will get in touch with you to tell you which house you are in. Each house has a different coloured stripe on their tie and PE uniform. Mompesson- Red, Philips- Green, Clarendon- Orange, Arundells- Yellow.