

Frequently Asked Questions

Here we try to answer some
of the questions we get
asked most often



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What curriculum will my child follow in Year 7?

Students study a range of subjects in Year 7: English, Maths, Science, Spanish, Computing, PE, History, Geography, Ethics, Art, Design Technology, Food Technology, Drama and Music.

Most subjects are taught in mixed ability groups although Maths is set according to attainment. Some of the practical lessons have slightly smaller mixed ability groups so that they can work safely in the workshops.

Do students need to bring a reading book to school every day?

At Newfield School we love to read and place high importance on doing so. Students are therefore asked to bring a suitable reading book to school every day. Registration time is dedicated to reading and students will either follow a class reader together or have opportunity to read their own book. Sometimes teachers may ask students to get their reading books out at the start or end of a lesson.

Students can borrow books from our library. There are a number of popular reads available and recommended reading lists are updated regularly.

We also subscribe to an online library, so students can access books in digital form.



How do you manage behaviour at Newfield School?



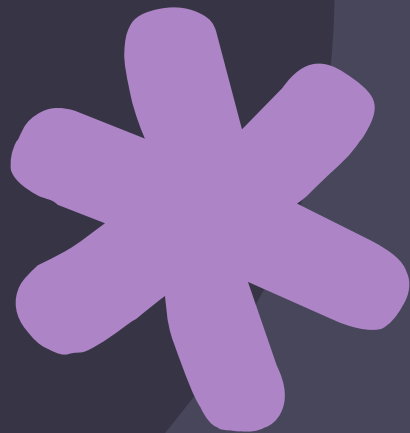
We have really high expectations of behaviour at Newfield. We often talk about our School Values – The Newfield way is to be Curious, Considerate and Committed. Students are always expected to conduct themselves in a calm and polite manner. We do not put up with poor, disruptive behaviour in or out of the classroom. We expect students to be ambassadors for their school and their families. We want our students to be proud of themselves.

We have a behaviour policy – The Consistent Discipline Model that is followed by all members of staff and students. A copy of The CDM Policy can be found on our website.

What support is offered to students with SEND?

Please refer to the information on supporting students with Special Educational Needs.

There are some slides specifically about this in this section of the website





What is the Attendance Policy for Newfield School?

It is of paramount importance that your child attends school as we care about them, want to see them every day and ensure they make good progress in their studies. At Newfield School we have high standards and it is important that your child maintains regular school attendance. The direct correlation between attendance and achievement means being committed and having an attendance level above 96% will lead to future opportunity and choice.

If a child's attendance drops below 95%, a letter of concern is sent home and we start a monitoring process. If attendance does not improve, we will work with other agencies to support students and their families.

What Modern Foreign Languages are taught at Newfield?

We teach Spanish to all students in Years 7–9. In the past we have offered French as an additional language, after school, for those students who would like to study 2 languages. Our Spanish GCSE results are some of the best in the school!

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Will my child go on trips and visits?

Trips and visits are an important part of the wider curriculum and learning experience for our students. All students will take part in subject-based trips and a number of enrichment activities too. We also offer several residential trips to other countries. We believe that these experiences help to shape our young people and give them a broader view of the world.

How are form groups organised in Year 7?

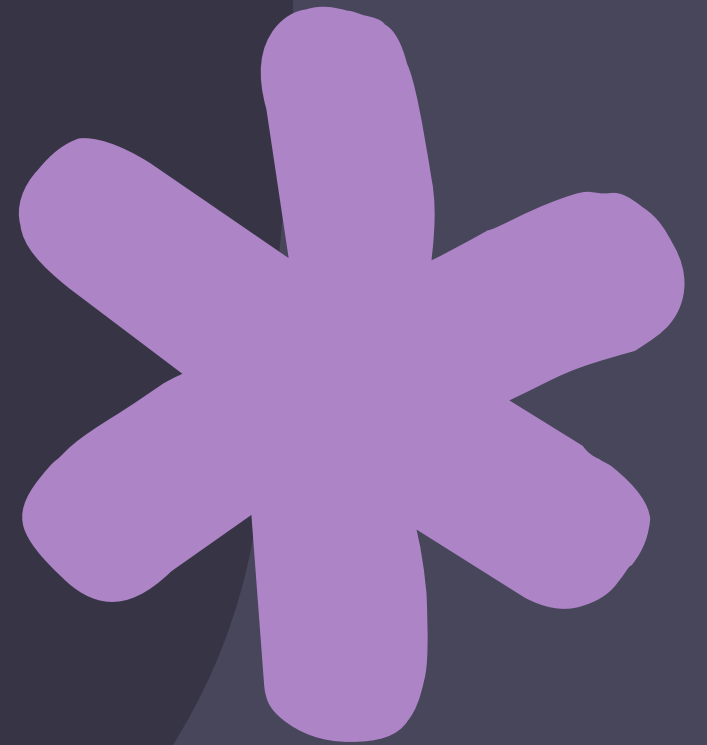
Our Transition Team works with our feeder primary schools before your child starts Newfield School. As we take from all over the city, it is not possible to place everyone in the groups they might choose themselves. We will try to make sure there is at least one other person that is in the same form as your child. If you ask any students at the school, all will have made new friends when they joined the school. So whilst it feels a little nerve-wracking at first, your child will soon feel part of the school community and have many more friends to spend time with in and out of school.



Are there extra-curricular clubs on offer in Y7?

We have a range of activities available such as, drama, music, art, debating, sporting clubs, chess, book club, cooking, languages,...the list goes on.

The clubs tend to run on a rota every half term. A timetable is published at the beginning of each half term.



How does Newfield School stay in touch with parents/carers?

We use an app called EduLink. This allows you to update your personal information, see your child's attendance and behaviour reports and receive messages and letters from school.

Just like other apps we use on our phones, the EduLink app will notify you if you have a message from us.

We also have several face to face meetings and information evenings, where you can meet with staff at school and discuss your child's progress or learn about different aspects of school.

How do students pay for dinners and trips?



We use a cashless system called ParentPay for paying for any trips and visits, revision materials, calculators etc.



We also use ParentPay to pay for school dinners, so your child does not need to bring money in to school.

How do students get to school?

Most of our students walk to school or catch the bus. We have dedicated school buses that serve the local area (718,721,723).

They drop off at school in the morning and pick up at the end of the day. An up to date timetable can be found on our website.



Where do Newfield students come from?

Most students will come from our main feeder schools: Mundella, Carfield, Meersbrook Bank, Bankwood, Anns Grove and Valley Park. We take several students from other primary schools from across the city – last year we had students from over 20 different schools.

Most families live in Meersbrook, Norton, Heeley, Gleadless Valley, areas of the city. We are over-subscribed and each year have a waiting list for Year 7 students. As such, all of students live within our catchment area.



Why should I choose Newfield School?

- ✓ Our students make great academic and personal progress supported and inspired by a fabulous team of teaching and support staff.
- ✓ We put our students at the heart of all we do and go above and beyond on their behalf.

But don't take our word for it, read our Ofsted report, look at our exam performance and talk to existing parents.

Newfield is a great school – multi-cultural, inclusive, successful, and ambitious for all.

**Still not
answered your
question?**

If we've missed something you need to know the answer to in order to make your mind up about the right school for Y7, please email us.

We hope you understand that this is an incredibly busy time for us, so phone calls and school visits must be replaced with email contact for now.

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