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Welcome to your new school



'Excellence in all we do'

How should I get ready for my first day?

The first thing you should think about is your school uniform. We expect you to look smart and wear the correct uniform from day one. Uniform includes wearing the correct PE kit which must be brought to school on the days you have PE.

Your parents/carers have all the details of what you should wear, so go through the list with them and ensure you have everything ready before your first day.

It is important to get a comfortable pair of school shoes as you will wear these every day. Trainers are never allowed (even black ones) and if you come to school in trainers, you will be asked to change into a clean pair of shoes from our supply.

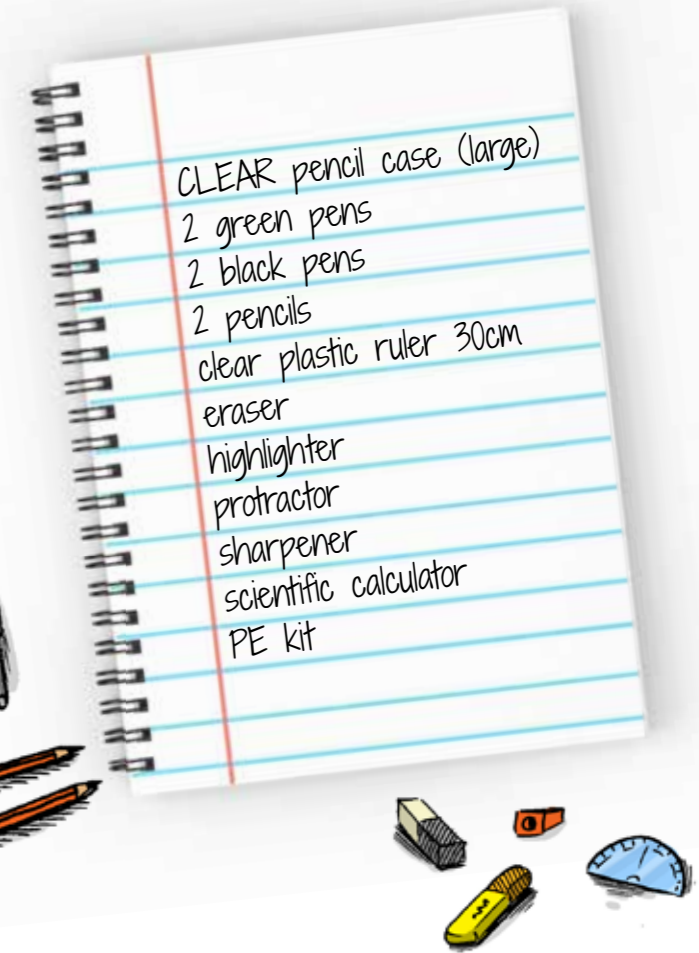
You also need to think about how you are getting to school. Make sure you know the route, bus times and how long your journey will take etc. It is a good idea to practice getting here before your first day so that you have no unexpected surprises on your way to school.

The day before you start, pack your bag and make sure you have everything you need. Get a good night's rest and have a healthy breakfast the following morning so that you have enough energy to see you through the day.

We want your first day to be fun and as stress-free as possible. If you are prepared and on time, you will be able to relax and enjoy yourself.

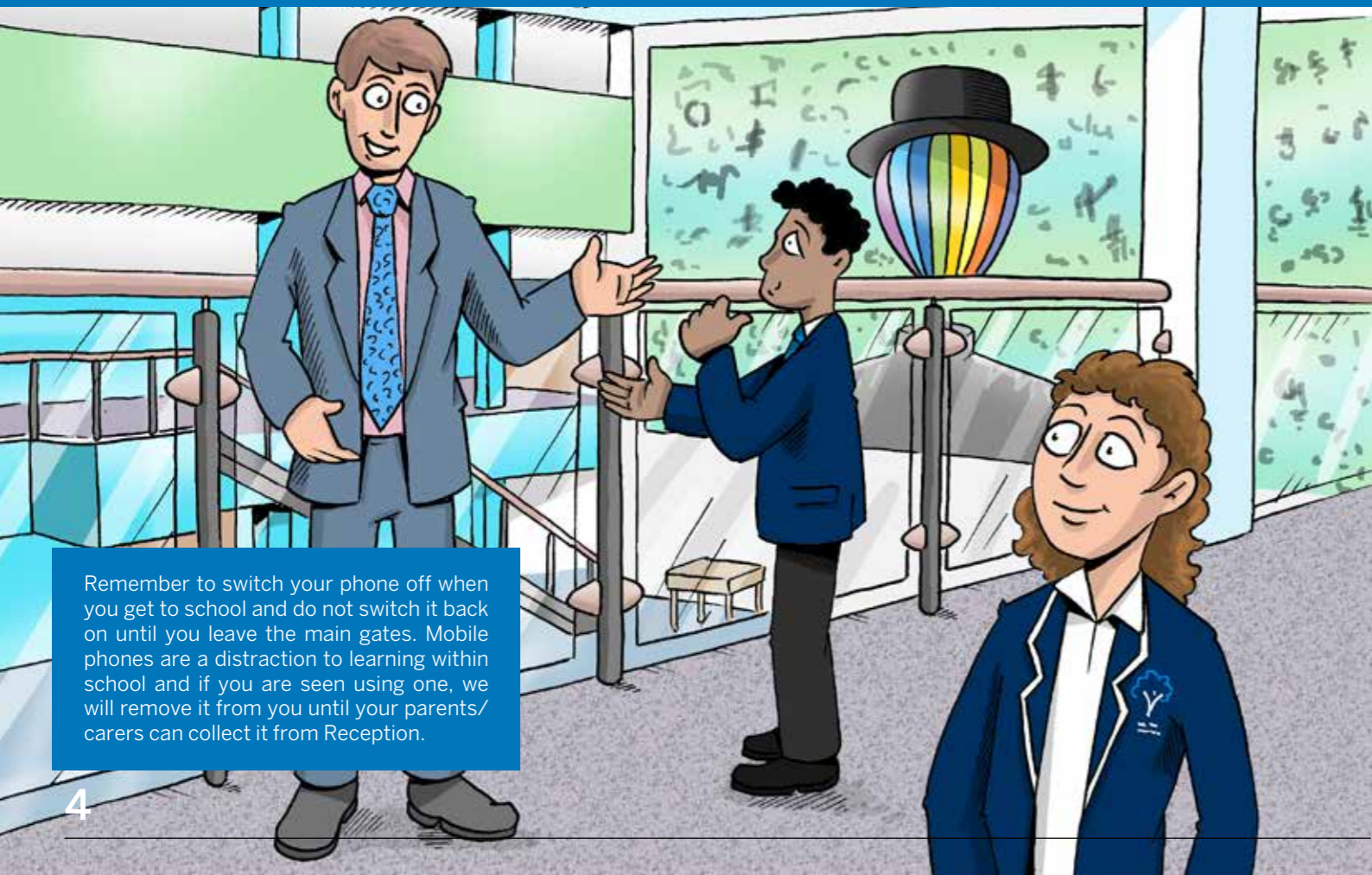


You need to bring the correct equipment with you in a sturdy school bag:



Year 7 pupil says:
" I found I learn best when I have all my school equipment with me. That way I'm always prepared."

What will my first day look like?



Remember to switch your phone off when you get to school and do not switch it back on until you leave the main gates. Mobile phones are a distraction to learning within school and if you are seen using one, we will remove it from you until your parents/carers can collect it from Reception.

8:30-8:40 School starts/roll-call

8:40-9:15 Tutor/assembly

9:15-10:20 Period 1

10:20-10:45 Break

10:45-10:55 Break Roll Call

10:55-12:05 Period 2

12:05-13:15 Period 3

13:15-13:45 Lunch

13:45-13:55 Lunch Roll Call

13:55-15:00 School Ends/Roll Call/Dismissal

We blow our morning whistle at 8.30 which is when you will line up for roll-call. Roll-call is an opportunity for your tutor to check that you are prepared for the day's learning. If you are late, you will have an after school detention until 4pm on the same day.

What happens if I need help?

If you are worried about anything (in school or outside), you can speak to:

- Your Head of Year, Ms Clare Sitch, who will look out for your well-being;
- The Key Stage Manager, Miss Richardson, who is also there to support you;
- Your tutor or any other adults in the school.

Whoever you choose to speak to, they will listen and help. Remember, it is always better to share a problem.

It is normal to feel nervous and anxious about coming to secondary school; most Year 7s will be feeling this way. As your teachers, we want to make sure you settle in quickly and confidently, so do not hesitate to ask us any questions.

Year 7 pupil says:

"I now have the courage to ask for help."

Are you excited about your first day?

What do you expect from me?



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We have high standards for everyone at Castle View Academy.

We expect a positive attitude and good standards of presentation at all times. We want you to develop patterns of behaviour that will help you become a happy and successful adult.

Our three core values are #determination, #ambition and #kindness and we expect that you will demonstrate these at all times. We believe these values are important to both you and your community.

So, always:

- Turn up on time, and be fully prepared
- Respect others and the environment
- Work hard
- Do your best

Do you understand what we expect from you?

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We believe in rewards rather than sanctions, but sometimes poor behaviour will result in consequences.

All students will have a 'CVProud' card that gets marked when a student does something that does not meet our expectations e.g. not wearing the correct uniform. If you get too many marks on your card, unfortunately, there will be a sanction.

If you reach the end of the week without any marks on your card, you will receive 'Epraise' points. Epraise is a way of recording points for good behaviour and effort etc. Points can be traded for treats, vouchers and lots more.

Year 7 pupil says:
"I have learnt to never give up. And a little bit of kindness goes a long way."

What should I know about homework?

You probably know that you will be doing homework regularly.

We understand that you have other commitments in the evenings and at weekends, so we will always give you a week to complete any homework assigned to you.

You can check your homework tasks on 'Show My Homework'. We will give you and your parents/carers log-on access when you start in September.

We run a homework club each morning before school where teachers can help you with the things you don't understand, and the Library has computers that you can use during break and lunchtimes. We recommend you complete your homework on the day it is set as failure to hand it in on time will result in an afterschool detention.

We expect homework to be completed to the best standard you can achieve.



What else do I need to know?

Each day, you will need to have all the books and equipment for that day's classes with you. We strongly recommend that you hire a locker, so you don't need to carry everything around with you all day. Our lockers are quite large so you can even store your PE kit in it.

Lockers are really cheap to hire and you can get one by completing a form that is available from reception.

Year 7 pupil says:
"Work hard – it will make things easier. Even if you think you can't do something, try it and you can succeed."



What clubs and other activities can I take part in?

We have many clubs that you can join.

You can do rounders, athletics, football and softball, join the dance or drama club or even sing in our school choir. There really is something for everyone.

Clubs are a great way of getting to know people and making new friends. We recommend that you jump in and try something new. You may discover an activity that you love and will carry on doing for the rest of your life!



Year 7 pupil says:
"By getting involved in all the activities after school, I've made lots of new friends."

We also offer other 'life enhancing' activities like:

- African trip
- Disneyland Paris trip
- Summer camp
- Rewards Days
- School productions
- Dance showcases... and much more



What clubs are you interested in?

Year 7 pupil says:
"I have enjoyed learning lots of new things in the after-school clubs like rugby, volleyball and basketball."

Year 7 pupil says:
"I enjoy Professional Studies: in Drama I get to do what I love and Art gets me thinking about new ideas."



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