

Frequently Asked Questions

Year 7 2026-27

What time does school start and finish?

Please refer to the school day timetable link on the website.

Students are allowed in the school building from 7.30am and the school dining room is open serving breakfast from 7.30-8.20am.

When will I find out my child's form group?

All Form and House information will be sent home at the beginning of July.

What time do the Year 7 students have lunch?

At the beginning of the year, Year 7 will be on first sitting meaning they can go for early lunch at approximately 12.25pm. Students are welcome to bring a packed lunch. If buying food from the canteen, please ensure your child has enough money on their MCAS account. Whilst we would never let a child go hungry, the canteen cannot authorise food purchases if the account would go into a negative balance. After lunch they can play out in their designated outdoor spaces, take part in extracurricular clubs or make use of our quieter areas.

Are they taught as a form?

Year 7 are taught in form for some lessons.

Who should my child go to if they have an issue?

They should go to their form tutor or their Head of Year.

Who should I go to if I have a query?

In the first instance, it is best to contact the Head of Year 7 or Head of Pastoral Care by email on either: mychild@laurusheadleholme.org.uk or enquiries@laurusheadleholme.org.uk or by calling the main school number: 0161 507 5300. If necessary, we can then arrange to meet at a mutually beneficial time or we can direct you to the correct member of staff to help deal with your query.

What should I do if my child is anxious about starting high school?

Please try to reassure your child that everyone will feel anxious and it is normal when starting a new school and getting used to a new environment. Many students will be joining us not knowing anyone. They will soon get used to high school and settled in. If they are anxious and nervous about social times they can make use of our quieter areas.

What extra-curricular clubs can my child do?

Clubs will be announced during the first few weeks of the term. These will be announced in class by teachers through form time, booklets and within department noticeboards.

Frequently Asked Questions

Year 7 2026-27

Can my child have time off during term time?

We will support your child's time off if they are competing in a competition with extra-curricular clubs or taking examinations, for example in music. We will also support unavoidable medical appointments. We will not usually support or authorise holidays during term time – please refer to our attendance policy for further details.

When can my child use their mobile phone?

Mobile phones are NOT allowed to be used in school. However, we appreciate many students use these to contact home if required on their way to or way home from school. If your child needs to contact home during the school day, they should see their Head of Year.

How short can my child have their hair cut?

We do not allow full or excessively shaved heads. If your child attends school with excessively short hair they will be taught in withdrawn study. For further information please refer to our uniform policy:

[School Uniform Policy.pdf](#)

What shoes can my child wear?

We want students to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for students to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels. For reasons of health and safety, we do not allow them to be worn in our school. Neither do we allow students to wear trainers to school. Whilst appropriate for sport and leisurewear, this footwear is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all students to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list.

Where can I find bus information?

Bus information can be found by clicking on this link: [Travel to school - Laurus Cheadle Hulme](#)

Can my child cycle to school?

We encourage students to cycle to school and there is a secure bike storage on site. All students must wear a cycling helmet when riding their bike.

What if my child becomes unwell during the school day?

We have a dedicated First Aider on premises at all times and students should report to First Aid if they feel unwell. We will assess your child and contact you if required. Students should not contact home before seeking first aid in school.

What if my child is not able to attend school due to illness?

Please contact school at your earliest convenience via the My Child at School app or text [07860 054 395](tel:07860054395) and select the absence option to report their illness.