

BISHOP ULLATHORNE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Transition Booklet 2025



My name is...

My primary school is...



Our school mission prayer

Our Mission is to be
an active Christian community
of love and service,
where all feel they belong and are valued.

We will help each other to recognise
the gifts of God within us,
to search for excellence
and to foster the development
of our true self.

Starting Secondary School

Welcome to Bishop Ullathorne!

We are delighted that you have chosen to join our school community and we are really looking forward to welcoming you as one of our new Year 7 students. We hope that you will find this Transition Booklet useful.

Starting secondary school is an exciting time in your life, although it can also feel a little scary and uncertain too as you embrace the new routines and opportunities that secondary school life has to offer.

There are many things to look forward to about starting secondary school. You will make friendships that will last for the rest of your life. You will also learn and experience a range of subjects and skills.

By taking a moment to think about some of the questions and ideas in this booklet, it will help you to get ready for your exciting new adventure and hopefully answer a lot of the questions you may have.

All of our staff are looking forward to meeting you on our Transition Day in July and welcoming you as a new Year 7 to our wonderful school in September.

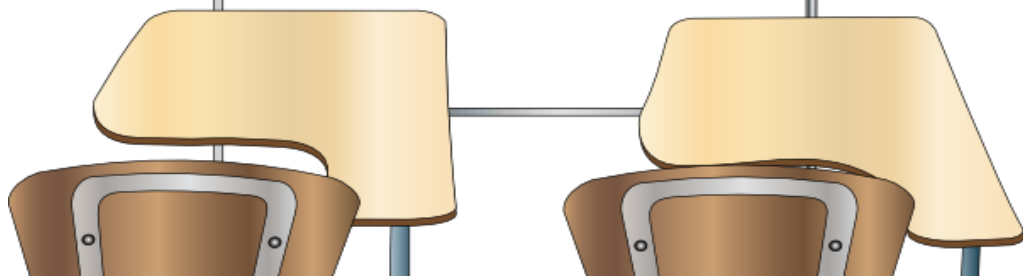
Ms Maxwell, Head of Year 7
Mrs Brown, Assistant Headteacher
and all of our Transition Team



**WHAT ARE MY
THOUGHTS ABOUT
STARTING
SECONDARY**

Form groups

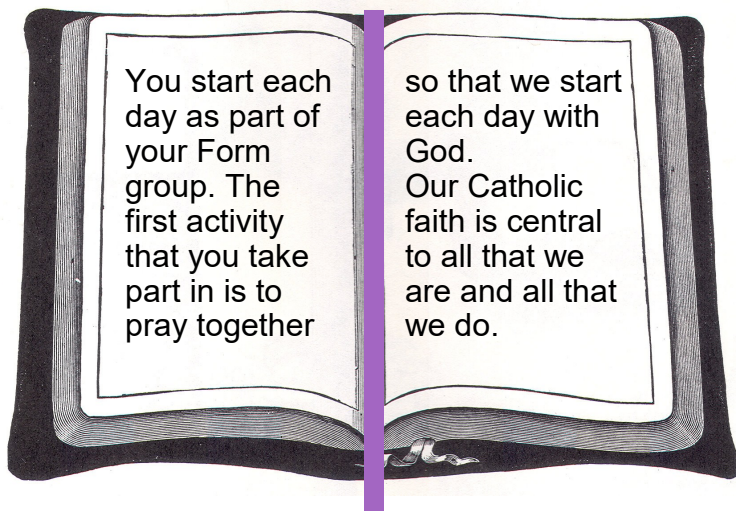
When you join Bishop Ullathorne you will be placed in a Form group. This is your special "Family" group, led by your Form Tutor. In your new Form group, you will have at least one friend from your primary school who is starting Bishop Ullathorne with you.



Morning prayer

You start each day as part of your Form group. The first activity that you take part in is to pray together

so that we start each day with God. Our Catholic faith is central to all that we are and all that we do.



Teaching groups

When you go to lessons you will be taught in different groupings. For some lessons you will be taught in your Form Groups and in others you will be grouped in alternative ways. Being in different groups allows you to meet other students and to get to know more people as quickly as possible. This will allow you to widen your friendship circle easily.



Subjects

During Year 7, you will study many different subjects! This is a wonderful opportunity to learn new skills.

Those subjects are: RE, English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, Drama, Art, Music, Spanish, French, Product Design, Textiles, Catering, Computing, PE and CPSHE. Therefore, you will have many different teachers during the course of the year.

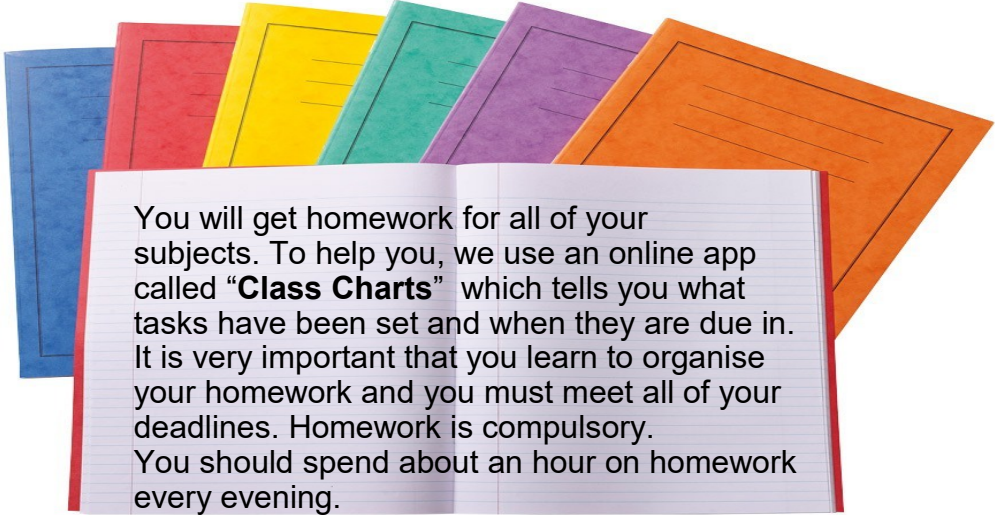


Timetable

To fit all the subjects in, we use a two week timetable separated into Week A and Week B. An example of a timetable is shown below. You will get your own individual timetable in September.

	P1 (9.00-10.00)	P2 (10.00-11.00)	P3 (11.20-12.20)	P4 (12.20-1.20)	P5 (2.00-3.00)
Monday A	Art 51 07/Ar SCO	Science L10 07/Sc JGI	History 8 07/Hi CHA	Mathematics 46 7rHypatia EMC	Prod. Design 22 07r/Pd1 FHU
Tuesday A	CPSHE 41 07JB/Cp JBA	English 3 07/En EHU	Mathematics 46 7rHypatia EMC	PE SSHall 07r/Pe1 SDE	Mathematics 46 7rHypatia EMC
Wednesday A	Geography 14 07/Gg KWI	Music MST 07/Mu WDA	Religious Ed 11 07/Re CKI	English 3 07/En EHU	Science L10 07/Sc JGI
Thursday A	Science L10 07/Sc JGI	Geography 14 07/Gg KWI	PE SSHall 07r/Pe1 ICX/SDE	History 8 07/Hi CHA	Religious Ed 11 07/Re CKI
Friday A	French 42 07/Fr SDU	English 3 07/En EHU	Mathematics 46 7rHypatia EMC	Spanish 43 07/Sp RO	Science L10 07/Sc JGI
Monday B	English 3 07/En EHU	Religious Ed 11 07/Re CKI	PE SSHall 07r/Pe1 ICX/SDE	Computing 57 07r/Cr1 GKO	Mathematics 46 7rHypatia EMC
Tuesday B	CPSHE 41 07JB/Cp JBA	Science L10 07/Sc JGI	Religious Ed 11 07/Re CKI	History 8 07/Hi CHA	Art 51 07/En SCO
Wednesday B	PE SSHall 07r/Pe1 ICX/SDE	Drama DRS 07/Dr JMO	Catering 18 07r/Pd1 GGR	English 3 07/En EHU	Spanish 43 07/Sp RO
Thursday B	Religious Ed 11 07/Re CKI	Mathematics 46 7rHypatia EMC	Science L10 07/Sc JGI	English 3 07/En EHU	Music MST 07/Mu WDA
Friday B	English 3 07/En EHU	Mathematics 46 7rHypatia EMC	Geography 14 07/Gg KWI	Science L10 07/Sc JGI	French 42 07/Fr SDU

The timetable contains the **subject** the **teacher code** and the **room number**.



You will get homework for all of your subjects. To help you, we use an online app called “**Class Charts**” which tells you what tasks have been set and when they are due in. It is very important that you learn to organise your homework and you must meet all of your deadlines. Homework is compulsory. You should spend about an hour on homework every evening.



Self-organisation — a key skill

Helpful hint—Have a ‘book box’.

Have a “book box”, in your bedroom to keep all of your school books in. A plastic one with a lid is useful as then you can stick a copy of your timetable on it and can refer to it easily. This helps keep everything in one place. A cardboard box would work as well.

You have five lessons each day and must always bring in the correct books and equipment. Each evening when you get home, unpack the books in your bag, place them in the book box and pack what is needed for the next day. Use your timetable to help you.

Do not try to carry all your books in your bag—there are too many! Remember, you have to carry your bag and coat around with you all day!

The Ullathorne Way

Our 'Ullathorne Way' is the bedrock of everything we do and so we ask you to strive to live by our school values, which are:

Compassion

Faith-filled and Prophetic

Attentive

Eloquent

Wise and Curious

Grateful

Ullathorne Values Prayer

We pray that we can do wonderful things
with the power and knowledge of God's love.

Help us to grow in compassion that we may become examples
of understanding and love.

Help us to grow in eloquence so that our words can make a positive impact.

Help us to grow in attentiveness so that we can assist the needs of others.

Help us grow in wisdom and curiosity to reach our full potential.

Help us to grow in faith, actively following You. Amen

Rules and Rewards

We have 3 simple school rules that we expect you to follow at all times during the day:

Ready. Respectful. Safe.

What do you think each rule is expecting of you?

Our praise system is based on ACE points. When your teachers recognise that you have done something well, they will reward you with an ACE point which is linked to our 'Ullathorne Way' values. These can be given for many reasons, for example, trying hard in class, handing in some excellent work, reading in Mass or showing excellent manners.

If you fail to follow our rules then you can expect to get a negative point and even a detention, but these are rare.

School uniform

Always make sure that you are wearing the full correct uniform.

A black blazer with the school crest on the front pocket.

A clip-on school tie. This must be worn at all times.

A white shirt with a collar. It can have long or short sleeves. No polo shirts.

Black school V-neck jumper with red V-neck (optional)

School tartan knee-length skirt or smart black, full length tailored-fit trousers. No jeans, leggings or tight-fitting trousers.

You are also allowed to wear a watch and one pair of stud earrings.



Smart black, full length tailored-fit trousers. No jeans or any kind of tight or informal trousers

Smart, black leather or leather-look shoes. They must be plain black without any logos or coloured stripes on them.



Lunchtimes

We have two breaks— a morning break and a lunch break.
During the breaks, you can do any of the following:

- eat lunch in the canteen, either a bought meal or a packed lunch
- go to the Year 7 playground
- go to the Library
- attend one of the many clubs and enrichment opportunities on offer. We expect all students to attend at least one club.

Good to know: for the first couple of weeks you will go to the canteen early so that you can get used to how it works.



Making friends

There will be lots of new students in your year. If you know other students already from your primary school, don't just stick with them. This is a wonderful opportunity to widen your friendship circle.

Be particularly welcoming to all students. Lots of them will have come from a primary school on their own.

Can you imagine how that would feel?

Main differences

You may travel independently for the first time. You may use public transport to school.

There are many more students than in primary school. In Year 7 there are seven Form groups (a bit like your current Year 6 class). You will have some lessons in your form groups and others in different groupings.

As well as more students, there are also more staff, classrooms and you learn more subjects than at primary school.

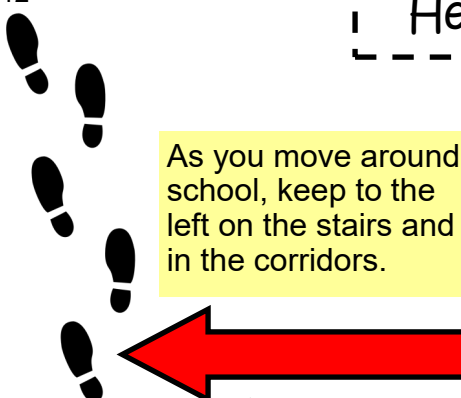
You move around the school going to different classrooms for different subjects using your own personalised two-week timetable.

You must bring your own suitably sized rucksack or large bag, which must contain a well stocked pencil case. You are responsible for all of your belongings and carry them around with you as you move from lesson to lesson.



**We expect you
to be
well-organised**

Helpful Hints



As you move around school, keep to the left on the stairs and in the corridors.

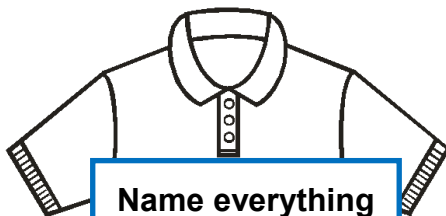
Address staff as “Miss” or “Sir” at all times. For example, when answering the register, you would say “Yes, Miss” or “Yes, Sir”.

Listen carefully to instructions but ask if you are unsure. Do not suffer in silence!




If you don't feel well or have hurt yourself, tell a teacher and we will help you.

Get to school and to your lessons on time.



Name everything including your uniform, school bag, PE kit, PE bag, pencil case and books.



Keep a copy of your timetable in your blazer pocket so that you can refer to it quickly and easily.

Finally...keep this booklet safe. Read it several times. It contains a lot of information.

Transition Day

A reminder of the key information that you need for
Wednesday 2 July 2025



Time

8.45am to 2.45pm



Equipment

Bring a named bag, water
in a named water bottle
and a pencil case with a
few pens and pencils.



Food and drink

A hot meal for lunch and a snack will
be provided by the school on this day.
Remember to bring your own named
bottle of water.

Travel

Please make your own travel
arrangements to and from
Bishop Ullathorne school.

Medication

Bring any named
medication with you
(eg inhaler).



Meet your key staff

There are a lot of staff at Bishop Ullathorne but here are the main ones to learn now so that you can recognise us when you see us!



**Mrs Boyle
Headteacher**



**Ms Maxwell
Head of Year 7**



**Mrs Brown
Assistant Headteacher
attached to Year 7**



**Mrs Salter
Special Needs & Disability
Coordinator**



**Miss Greenway
Pastoral Support**



**Lauren Stundon
Lay Chaplain**



School prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the unique gifts and talents
that overflow from our school community.

You have united us as one family
and as one family we will grow.

Bishop Ullathorne

Pray for us.

Amen

