



Transition Evening 2023 FAQs

Transition days:

Sybil Andrews Academy transition days are Wednesday 19th & Thursday 20th July, plus there is a Parent/Carer and Student Information Evening from 6.30pm - 7.45pm on Wednesday 19th July.

On the day, please wear your normal school uniform and arrive at Sybil Andrews Academy for 9.30am. The day will end at 2.40pm, so please be ready to collect your child at this time.

Please note that students from Great Whelnetham Primary can catch a bus from the bus stop beside school at 9.00am and will be dropped back there at 2.45pm. Students from Hardwick Primary can catch a bus from outside the school front gate at 9.15am and will be dropped back there at 3.00pm.

Lunches on Transition days?

- We ask that students bring a packed lunch. If your child is in receipt of free school meals and you would like us to provide them with a packed lunch, please email saa@sybilandrewsacademy.co.uk.
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What else do they need to bring on Transition days?

Refillable water bottle

What happens on transition day?

There will be a variety of talks and lessons as well as a tour of the school

Will there be a tour of the school?

Students will have a school tour on transition days

Preparing for September:

What to bring?

- School bag
- Student planner
- A minimum of 2 pens
- Pencil
- Highlighters
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Glue stick
- Pencil case
- Scientific calculator
- Reading book (Year 7 to 9)

Who is my tutor?

A letter will be sent out to parents confirming students before the end of the academic year. Students will get a chance to meet their tutor on transition days, during year 7 students stay with their tutor group for their lessons.

When do I get my timetable?

Timetables are provided on the first day of school in September during tutor time.

What lessons do you have?

We have a variety of lessons including core subjects as well as DT on rotation through year 7 giving students an opportunity to experience all lessons

What size is the school and how many classrooms are there?

SAA has appx 650-700 students and usually around 5 classrooms per subject we teach. Buildings and know by colours.

Multi /Main block is M

Green is G

Orange is O

Blue is B

Room numbers are 001+ is downstairs

100+ is upstairs.

How many years in school?

There is 5 year groups in SAA Years 7-11

How many lessons in a day are there?

We have 5 lessons a day, 2 before break, then 2 before lunch and 1 after lunch.

What languages does SAA do?

The only language we do in SAA is French.

Planners?

We do not issue planners in school but we do give all students a small notebook for any notes they need to take to support them in their day.

Behaviour and expectations:

We've sent a separate letter regarding expectations. This document includes rules about school uniform, PE kits, jewellery, make-up, nails and hair styles, attendance and punctuality, school values, equipment and completing work. Please contact saa@sybilandrewsacademy.co.uk if you have not yet seen this.

We also have a Behaviour Policy which you can read here: www.sybilandrewsacademy.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/12/Behaviour-Policy-2-1.pdf

Trips, Clubs and Enrichment:

Trips are sometimes subject specific. or for a year group. Letters will be sent home with full details inviting you to join.

What sports do you do at SAA?

Do you bring your own football at lunchtime?

Play football at lunch time?

sports day? doesn't like to run in front of whole school

What clubs are there?

Clubs updated every half term. They vary from sports to sugar craft. Some Clubs are at lunchtime and some after

All clubs are free and you can try as many or as few as you'd like.

If you would like to join a school team, for example the football team, you must attend the club.

Our Community news letter will keep you updated and clubs are listed on the SAA Website

<https://www.sybilandrewsacademy.co.uk/enrichment/>

Food: and Lunches

You can buy food via our cashless system during breaks and lunch. Details on how to upload money to ParentPay will be coming home in the end of summer term.

The most recent menus are available to view here

<https://www.sybilandrewsacademy.co.uk/school-meals/>

Homework:

Do we have a lot of homework?

Some of you may not have had regular homework before coming to Sybil Andrews. Don't worry, you will not be expected to work all evening. Your homework timetable is planned so that ordinarily you will be given no more than one to one and a half hours homework per night.

The students use two systems. A school email address and Go4Schools.

Parents and students can keep track of homework that has been set as teachers set all homework on www.go4schools.co.uk. You will be given lots of help by your teachers to make sure that you understand what you have to do. If you need extra help then see your Form Tutor or subject teacher straight away. Students will be set up on these systems in the first couple of weeks of school, during their first Computer Science lesson.

A 'how to guide' can be found here <https://www.sybilandrewsacademy.co.uk/go-4-schools/>

Uniform- question about whether it all has to be bought through Kiwii?

Please refer to our policies on the school website under student expectations for further guidance

Uniform when hot and are we allowed to wear shorts?

Students and parents will be notified when there is a change of uniform policies due to the weather.

Uniform fitting day could we re-arrange please?

Unfortunately we are unable to offer a different date for uniform fitting as we School Colours team attending and they are unable to offer a 2nd date. There is a sizing guide on our school website and parents/ carers have successfully order uniform using this.

All details on uniform can be found here <https://www.sybilandrewsacademy.co.uk/school-uniform/>

Lockers:**How big lockers?**

Lockers are big enough to fit a school bag and a PE kit in.

SEND:

For further information or to talk to the SEN department please contact the Admin Assistant on atwite@sybilandrewsacademy.co.uk

Safeguarding and Pastoral Support:

We have a pastoral officer assigned to each Year Group so there is one for Year 7, they are non-teaching, Pastoral Officers at the school who are on hand to support with any trials and tribulations that may arise but also take on a key role in supporting students as a mentor and sometimes just as a friendly face or helping hand.

Our pastoral team ensure that our school values of Kindness, Courage and Responsibility help to shape our conversations with the students but are also at the centre point of our aspirations.

For more information please see the school website under the heading 'Wellbeing'.