

# Student Guide 2019



Kimberley School

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# Welcome

I'm delighted you have chosen The Kimberley School as your new school for next year. My name is Mr George and I'm the Head Teacher. If you want to have exciting experiences and fascinating lessons which help you to do your best, then you're coming to the right place. I can't wait to meet you in September at the start of your amazing secondary school adventure. All the other teachers and staff here are looking forward to seeing you too.



You'll get to know everyone really quickly. At this school we help each other out and take a great pride in our own achievements, but we think it is just as important to enjoy the success of others. That way we all enjoy doing well.

Of course, we all hope to see you before then at our Induction Club where you can find out more about the school, your new friends and have a lot of fun at the same time.

I really hope you're looking forward to next year as much as I am.

**Mr George**  
Head Teacher

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## Messages from our Current Year 8 Students:



If you feel nervous about secondary school, just know that everyone has the same feeling. Everyone is very nice and you'll make many friends. If you feel lost, don't be afraid to ask, all of us were quite lost on our first day!

**Joe Ip**



Before starting Kimberley, I felt really anxious! I needn't have – after a week, all my nervousness and fear had gone. Your teachers are really nice, and once you get to know them, you will really enjoy the subjects you do here. The homework seemed like a lot at first, but it's easy to handle. If you have your doubts, then persevere through – you will really like it at Kimberley!

**Olivia McHugh**



On my first day at The Kimberley School, I felt quite nervous and worried about homework. But, I soon realised it was nothing to worry about. I made loads of new friends from all different primary schools, and found the teachers really nice. You will enjoy doing different subjects to primary school, and going deeper into learning.

**Emerson Corden**

# People You Need to Know



**Mr Allen**

**Performance Leader (Year 7)**

My job as performance leader is to help you settle in at your new school. I will work with you, your tutors and your parents/carers throughout your time at The Kimberley School, to help you achieve your best. I hope to see you all at our induction event in June and look forward to meeting you in September.



**Miss Williams**

**Assistant Performance Leader (Year 7)**

I work closely with Mr Allen to help support you in secondary school. My role is to ensure that your journey throughout secondary school is enjoyable, challenging and rewarding. I look forward to seeing many of you at our induction event in the summer and meeting you all in September.

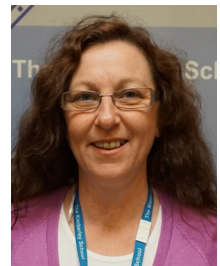


**Mrs Hawkes**

**Student Support Leader**

**Mrs Wilkinson**

**Deputy Student Support**



All of the staff in the Student Support Team are non-teachers who are there to help you be happy and successful at The Kimberley School. We are based in an area of the school called Student Services. We are here to help you if you are unwell or feeling worried about anything. We look forward to meeting you in September!

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## Tutor Groups

When you join us in September, you will be placed into a tutor group with lots of other Year 7s. We try to make sure you are in a tutor group with a person that you already know. You will stay in this tutor group throughout your five years at The Kimberley School. Each tutor group has a tutor who will get to know you very well. They are your first port of call if you are having any problems in school that you need to talk about, and work very closely with Mr Allen and Miss Williams to make sure you are achieving the best you can. You will see your tutor every morning for 10 minutes at the start of every day, when they will check you have the correct uniform and have all the equipment you need to learn. You will also see them for one hour every Tuesday where you might have assembly, learning for life, literacy or numeracy activities together.

## Skirt

The skirt should be touching the top of the knee. The skirt must be purchased from School wear solutions.

**School Skirt**



✓ **Perfect length**



✗ **Too Short**



## Trousers

Plain black school trousers bootleg or straight cut

✓ **Perfect shape**



**None of the following**

Skinny trousers, jeans, denim or stretch material.

✗ **Too tight, with zips or logos**



## Footwear

### Perfect style



**X None of the following are acceptable as school shoes**



**No colours, no boots, no heels, no logos**

## Smart Card

We are very proud of our uniform at the Kimberley School and in order to ensure the uniform is worn correctly every child in school is given a SMART card. This is a card that they must carry around with them at all times. The card is marked if an item of clothing is not correct, 3 strikes and a lunchtime detention is automatically given. If the card is lost or missing, then a detention is awarded.

The majority of children never have a detention for incorrect uniform or missing cards.

# Your First Day

**How will the first day start?** You will need to arrive at school before 8.40am when a bell will ring, at which point you need to make your way to Hall 1; there will be plenty of students and staff who will help you find your way. You will sit with your tutor group and Mr Allen (Performance Leader – Year 7), Miss Williams (Assistant Performance Leader – Year 7) and senior staff will welcome you. You will spend the rest of the morning with your tutor group and tutor where you will be given your timetable. Your tutor will spend time with you explaining the school's rules and what we expect from you. You will also have time to ask questions and meet new friends.

**The rest of the first day -** In the afternoon, you will have lessons so please bring a pen, pencil, ruler and rubber with you. You should also bring your trainers just in case you have PE.

## What will I need on the first day?

- ◆ A good large, strong bag for carrying belongings
- ◆ Pen, pencil, ruler and rubber
- ◆ Bus fare if you catch a bus to and from school
- ◆ Trainers just in case you have PE

## What to bring after the first day

- ◆ A good large strong bag for carrying your equipment
- ◆ Bus fare if you need it
- ◆ Books and equipment that you will need for your lessons - check your timetable every night to see what equipment you need for the following day.

## Basic School Equipment

- ◆ Rough book/jotter
- ◆ Pens (blue/black ink)
- ◆ Pencils/coloured pencils
- ◆ Ruler
- ◆ Pencil sharpener
- ◆ Scientific calculator
- ◆ Dictionary

## The Journey to School

Many students travel by bus and your behaviour should be of the highest standard at all times. You do not have an automatic right to travel by bus and the bus company can ban you from travelling with them if your behaviour is not acceptable. Remember, by poor behaviour you let down not only the school but also your family and yourself.

If you walk or cycle to school, give yourself plenty of time to travel safely; take care when crossing roads and always use zebra or pelican crossings where you can. Don't travel home at night or in quiet empty areas on your own and never speak to someone you don't know. If you cycle, make sure your bike is roadworthy and that you wear a helmet and brightly coloured clothing. You will not be allowed to use a bike if you do not wear a helmet. You will need a lock to secure your bike in the bike sheds in school.



# The School Day

8.40 am	1st Bell
8.50 am	Registration
9.00 am	Period 1
10.05 am	Period 2
11.05 am	Break
11.20 am	Period 3
12.20 pm	Lunch
1.00 pm	Period 4
2.05 pm	Period 5
3.05 pm	End of School



## Lateness

- ◆ We expect you to be in school at 8.40 and in your tutor room and ready to learn at 8:50am every morning, and on time to all your lessons.
- ◆ We shut the school gate at 8:50am every morning. If you are late, you will have to line up outside until the first lesson starts at 9:00am.
- ◆ If you are late in the morning, then you may receive a lunchtime detention on the same day.
- ◆ If you are persistently late then you will be punished further, and may have to spend a day in Isolation.

## Break / Lunchtimes

- ◆ All students must stay in school at lunchtime and have a school lunch or bring sandwiches from home.
- ◆ The school café serves a range of hot and cold food at breakfast, break and lunchtimes. The kind of food you'll be able to choose includes some of your favourites from primary school but also much more:
- ◆ We have a panini bar with at least 3 different fillings each day (e.g. beans and cheese, BBQ chilli beef and chicken tikka).
- ◆ We have a cold bar where we offer pasta salads, dipping pots, sandwiches, salad pots and wraps. These can be upgraded to a meal deal with a drink, bag of crisps or fruit.
- ◆ We have a 'Love Joes' counter where we offer a different chicken dish each day (e.g. curry, wrap, burger, flatbread, burrito etc) in over 20 different flavours
- ◆ We have a pizza bar where we serve margarita and pepperoni slices.
- ◆ If you want a healthy option, we also have a jacket potato bar where we offer a range of hot and cold fillings, served with freshly prepared salad.
- ◆ We are able to cater for dietary requirements such as gluten-free, vegan, dairy free if you ask in advance. If you want to bring in sandwiches from home, there is a room where you and your friends can eat them indoors at lunch.

# The School Code

## The Kimberley Diamond Rules

- ◆ Arrive at lessons on time
- ◆ Line up quietly for lessons
- ◆ Always wear your uniform correctly
- ◆ Sit where you are asked to in the classroom
- ◆ Always listen and follow the teacher's instructions
- ◆ Never stop others learning
- ◆ Bring the correct equipment for each lesson
- ◆ Do your best every day with every piece of work
- ◆ Respect all others
- ◆ Bullying of any kind is not tolerated
- ◆ Low level disruption is not tolerated  
(e.g. rocking on chairs, shouting out or chatting when the teacher is talking)



## Bullying: A Charter of Student Rights

As a member of our school community you have the right:

- ◆ Not to be bullied
- ◆ To say 'no' firmly to anything you think is wrong
- ◆ To talk to somebody if someone is making you unhappy
- ◆ To protect yourself by ignoring others or by walking away

Remember, bullying may involve violence, name calling, graffiti, damage to property or even sneering, staring or ignoring.

If you feel bullied you should tell a member of staff as soon as you can – this could be your tutor, a subject teacher or a member of the student support team: whoever you feel comfortable speaking to.

# Achievement and Behaviour

## Achievement

In Years 7 to 11, you will be awarded IMPACT points for outstanding work, homework, effort, citizenship, literacy, contribution and extra-curricular participation. Every term, each year group has a special assembly in which the top 100 students are recognised for their achievements. Faculties will also award certificates to students who consistently perform well in lessons.



## Behaviour

We take excellent behaviour in lessons and around school very seriously. You should always follow the instructions of staff the first time you are asked. In lessons you should listen to the teacher, complete all the work to the best of your ability and make sure you avoid distractions. At lunchtimes, midday supervisors are around school. You should treat them with respect at all times. You can help them by:

- ◆ Following their instruction immediately
- ◆ Keeping your table tidy at lunchtime
- ◆ Taking empty plates, knives, forks and spoons to the hatch when you have finished eating
- ◆ Putting any rubbish into the bin provided both in the canteen and outside.

If you fail to behave how we would expect, then you may be given a detention by a teacher or year performance leader at a time which is convenient to them (break, lunch or after-school). If your behaviour does not improve or is more serious, then you could be given a more serious consequence like a detention after-school with a member of the senior leadership team, or you may be excluded from your lesson and expected to work at the back of another. Out of school, locally or away with a school group, you should remember that the school's reputation depends on the way you behave. We are very proud of our reputation, please don't spoil it!

## Homework

Homework will be set regularly by each of your subject teachers. The school uses a system called Show my Homework which allows you and your parents/carers to see all the homework you have been set and when it is due in on the internet or through a mobile phone app. We expect all your homework to be completed on time and to a very good standard. Your tutor will have your PIN for SMHW.

# Extra-Curricular

## Extra-Curricular Activities and Clubs

The school runs a number of lunchtime and after-school activities that you might want to join. Your attendance and achievements at extra-curricular activities are recognised with reward points, and if you attend enough sessions you may even be invited on trips to exciting places like the Snow Dome.

Clubs change throughout the year, and your tutor will tell you all about the activities on offer at the start of each half-term. This is a typical lunchtime and after school programme

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	Table Tennis Handball Y8/9 Football Y8-11	Indoor Hockey Girls Basketball Boys football Y7	Dodgeball Netball Y7-9 Football Y8-11	Badminton Y7-9 Boys Football Y7	Boccia Basketball Y7/8 Football Y8-11
Afterschool	Multisports Safari Badminton	Notts County Girls Football Y7-9	Table Tennis Y11 Badminton Y11 Netball Y10 Knitting Club	Dodgeball Trampolining Boys Football Y8-9 LAMDA Drama	Running Club

## Learning Resource Centre (The LRC)

At The Kimberley School, you will find a big, impressive LRC full of exciting resources just waiting to be used and welcoming staff ready to help.

You will be able to use computers, read magazines, and newspapers in the LRC, and borrow books to take home (for 2 weeks) and DVDs (overnight).

You will take part in the Accelerated Reader programme, which means you take an online quiz each time you finish a book, competing with other students to see who can read the most words and take the most quizzes.

### LRC Opening Times:

- ◆ Open until 4 pm most days.
- ◆ During lessons for classes.
- ◆ At lunchtime with a pass (collect your pass before school or at break).

You may read, do school work, use computers or watch a film most lunchtimes. On Tuesday lunchtime we host our school debating society and on Friday lunchtimes you may play games. Also, look out for our half termly activity lunches.

# Your Lessons

When you arrive in September, you will study a range of subjects. The table below gives you an idea of what you might be studying:

Subject	Lessons per fortnight	What will I be studying?
English	7	<p>You will read a variety of novels, short stories, poems, plays and non-fiction texts, and learn about a range of writing styles.</p> <p>In the first term, you will be looking at heroes and villains, and how they are presented. You will also look at persuasive writing.</p> <p>You will have one literacy lesson per fortnight in the LRC where you will work on reading and spelling.</p>
Maths	7	You will continue studying a number of the topics you were introduced to at primary school including the number system, algebra, shape, space, ratio and handling data.
Science	6	<p>In biology, you will look at cells, reproduction, ecosystems and the evolution of species.</p> <p>In chemistry, you will study particles, elements, reactions and materials, including acids, alkalis and the periodic table.</p> <p>In physics, you will look at forces and energy including light, sound, electricity, pressure, motion and magnetism.</p>
Languages	5	<p>You will study two languages from French, Spanish and German.</p> <p>In each language you will learn how to introduce yourself and talk about your family, pets and school subjects.</p>
Geography	3	<p>Geography is all about the people and places on the planet.</p> <p>In Year 7 you will be introduced to physical and human geography, the British Isles and rivers and flooding.</p>
History	3	You will start off by looking at key skills in. We will then begin studying the history of Britain including the Romans, the Norman Conquest, the Black Death and the Tudors
RE	2	<p>You will look at human beliefs and how people make sense of the world.</p> <p>In Year 7 you will study the major beliefs in Judaism, Christianity and Islam.</p>
Art	2	<p>You will look at different styles and genres in art.</p> <p>You will start off by looking at mark making, and study artists such as Van Gogh.</p>
Drama	2	You will look at a number of different styles of theatre beginning with Bertold Brecht, and how he makes plays with moral meanings.
Music	1	<p>You will study a range of different musical genres.</p> <p>In the first term, you will look at rhythm and create the lyrics for a work-song. You will go on to learn basic keyboard skills.</p>

# Your Lessons (continued)

Design and Technology	4	Your lessons will be split into D & T, food and textiles, making a range of products with different materials.  In food you will create a pizza, in textiles you will work on a drawstring bag and in D & T you will make a clock.
Computing	2	You will look at the basics of computer use including how to use Office software.  You will go on to look at what makes a computer, and basic programming using algorithms. You will make an animation using
PE	4	You will take part in a number of indoor and outdoor activities including problem solving, games (football, hockey, netball, etc...), gymnastics, dance and athletics.

## Induction

We know how hard it is to come to a new school so we want to make sure that you feel confident about joining us in September. To do this, we organise a number of events to help you get to know your new school, meet new people and make new friends.

- ◆ In June, we will visit all our feeder primary schools to speak to you about what to expect and answer any questions you might have.
- ◆ We also have a day in the summer where those of you who are not in our feeder primary schools can come and spend the afternoon with us and start to make new friends.
- ◆ We run an induction event after-school on June 19th. During this sessions you will have the opportunity to try out some of your new lessons and meet some of the children who are coming to us from other primary schools.
- ◆ In July, there will be two induction days where you get to experience what a normal day at Kimberley will be like. You will get to meet the rest of your tutor group, and where possible, your tutor. You will also get the chance to meet some of the other important staff you will need to know.

If you're worried about coming to the Kimberley School, then don't be! If you do your best and follow our rules, then you have nothing to worry about. If you are still worried, ask your mum, dad or whoever looks after you to ring us and we will do everything we can to help you. We want you to be happy at The Kimberley School so please don't keep your worries to yourself tell us!

We look forward to meeting you at our induction events.