

Forrester High School

P7 Transition

This booklet will give you a summary of useful information regarding the transition to S1.

Respect - Believe - Achieve



Practical Information



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www.forresterhighschool.org.uk



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The Transition Process

P6:

June: primary school teachers will identify children who will benefit from our Positive Start Programme

P7:

October: Parents/carers and P7s will be invited to an Open Afternoon to see what Forrester High School is like.

November: Forrester High School Support for Learning staff will meet the P7s and work with the primary staff to plan Positive Start Groups.

November - May: the Positive Start Groups will work with High School staff to become familiar with the school, it's staff and it's processes.

January - March: primary school staff will begin to share information with the High School. They will share attainment levels, support required, successful strategies to support learning and other useful information.

April/May: High School staff will visit the primary schools to meet the P7s and their teachers. Work will happen in P7 to support transition. Some current S1s may also visit to answer questions.

June: parents/carers will be invited to an information session at the High School. All children will attend a three-day visit to the High School.

Please note: all places for S1 are allocated through City of Edinburgh Council, not the High School.

School Day - Times

Monday - Thursday

**Daily Morning Tutor:
8.30 - 8.40**

Period 1: 8.40 - 9.40

Period 2: 9.40 - 10.40

Break 10.40 - 10.55

Period 3: 10.55 - 11.55

Period 4: 11.55 - 12.45

Lunch: 12.45 - 13.35

Period 5: 13.35 - 14.35

Period 6: 14.35 - 15.35

Friday

**Daily Morning Tutor:
8.30 - 8.40**

Period 1: 8.40 - 9.30

Period 2: 9.30 - 10.20

Break 10.20 - 10.35

Period 3: 10.35 - 11.25

Period 4: 11.25 - 12.15

The Library

Open from: 8.00 - 15.50 (14.00 on a Friday)

Card and Chat Club - every morning from 8am
Homework Help - Monday to Thursday after
school

Lunchtime Clubs - Reading, Gaming & Escape,
Connect & Relate



Helpful Information

What to Wear

TOPS

Forrester polo shirt (black or white)

White school shirt

Forrester sweatshirt

Forrester cardigan

Forrester pullover (V-neck)

S1 - 5 Forrester tie

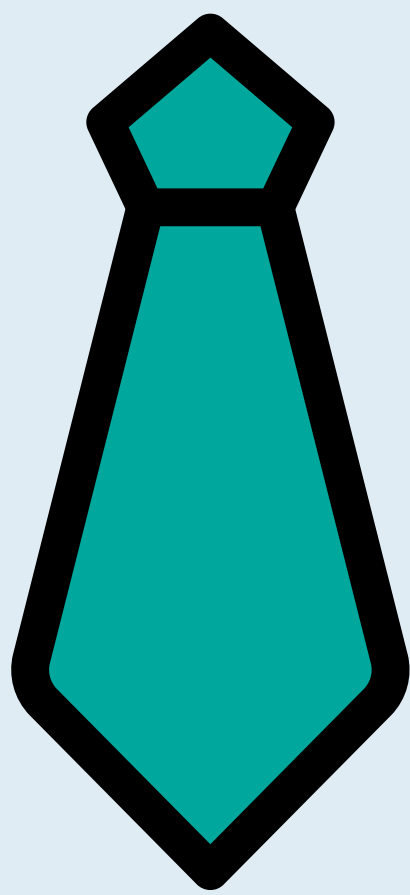
S6 Forrester green tie

PAIRED WITH:

Black trousers

Black skirt (suitable length)

Black footwear



AVOID

Denim

Hoodies

Leggings/tracksuits

Football colours

Logos



Finding Your Way

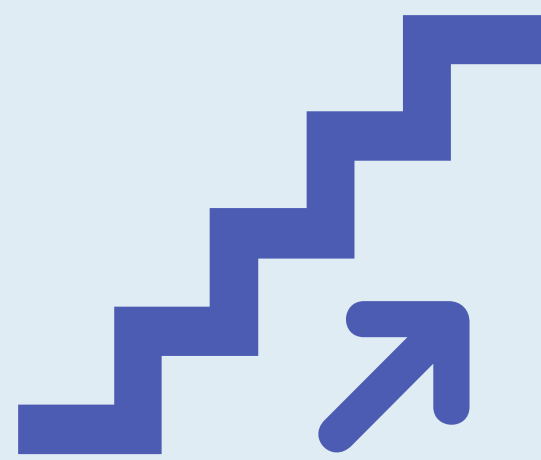
This school is colour coded. Each corridor has a different colour.

At the main visitor entrance there is:

Reception
The Main Office
Mr Ennis (Depute Head Teacher)
Mrs Coffey (Depute Head Teacher)

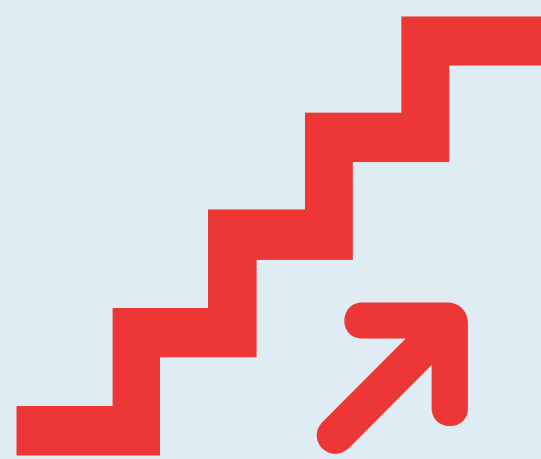
**Green Corridor
(ground floor)
Music & Drama
PE**

**Mr Rafferty - Head Teacher
Mrs Welsh - Bursar
Mr Hunter - Business
Manager
Pupil Support Offices**



**Support for Learning
Enhanced Support Base
Well-being Hub
The Youth Agency
Counselling
Young Edinburgh Talent**

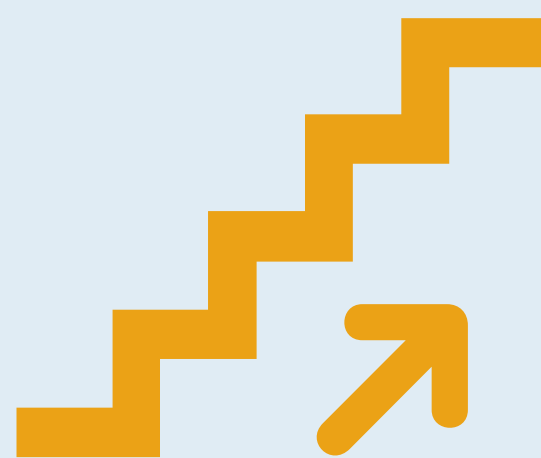
**Mr MacPhie - Depute Head Teacher
Mrs Ross - Pupil Support Officer
Maths
(ground floor)**



**Business & Computing (first
floor)**

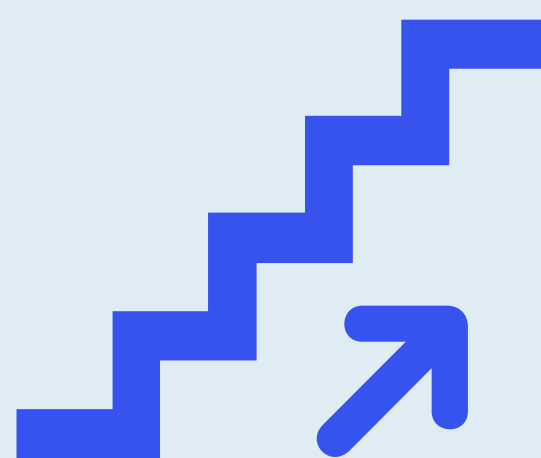
Science (top floor)

**Home Economics
CDT
(Ground Floor)**



Art (First Floor)

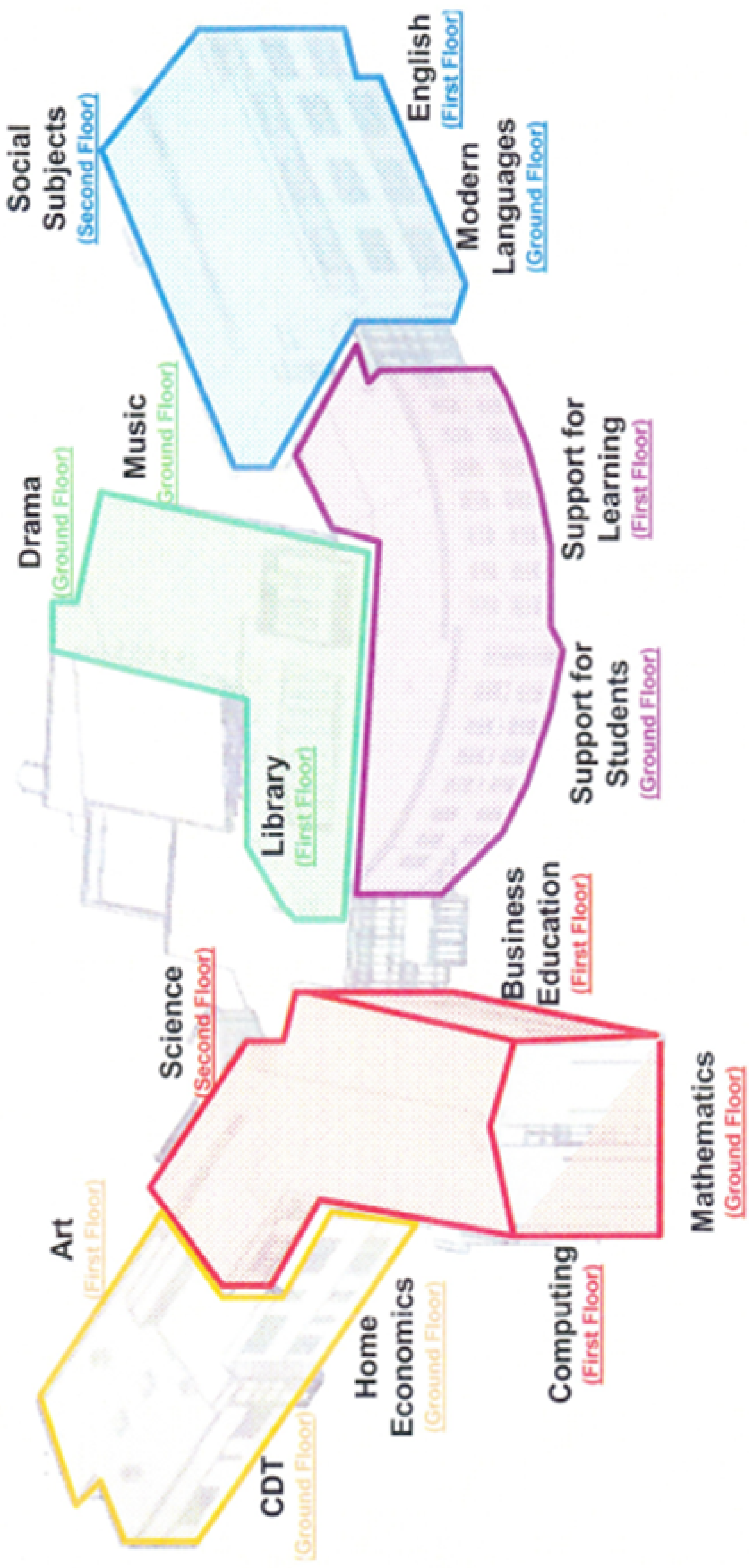
**Modern Languages
(ground floor)**



**English (first floor)
Social Subjects (top floor)**

Pupils can access the school from two sets of doors that lead into our Social Area in the centre of the school, one from Broomhouse Road and the other from South Gyle.

FORRESTER HIGH SCHOOL PLAN





FAQS

Moving to secondary school is a big step. You will have lots of questions. Here are some answers to the most frequently asked questions.

How long is a school day?

Monday – Thursday, school starts with a warning bell at 8.25 and finishes at 3.25.

On a Friday, it is the same start time, but we finish at 12.05

How long do we get for lunch?

50 minutes

There is also a 15 minute break every morning.

Do we get homework every day?

You will get some homework every day but not for every subject. Some subjects you get every day and others only once a week so it varies. Teachers will let you know what to do and when to do it by.

Is there a Breakfast Club?

There is a fantastic breakfast club that runs every morning from 8am.

We don't want you to be hungry going to class!

How many classes do we have a day?

Monday - Thursday there are 6 classes a day.

On Friday there are 4.

Is it hard to get around the building?

To begin with, the school might feel huge, but once you know where classes are it will start to feel smaller. The corridors are colour coded and there are lots of signs to help you.

There are always lots of people around to ask too.



How do we get school uniform?

You can get it online:
www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools/forrester-high-school.

If you are struggling to get uniform, Mrs Ross will help you when you get here.

Do we get lockers?

When lockers are available, you will get the opportunity to request a locker. Sometimes there is a waiting list.

When do we find out about our classes?

You will have two classes - a tutor class and a practical class. You will find out about this on your first day in the school.

How do we pay for food in the canteen?

You will have an account which people at home can put money into online or you can put money into using machines in the school. You will have a pin number to use when you pay for food. You won't use cash.

How will I remember my homework?

Teachers will post homework on your class Teams page so that you can access it. You will have an iPad that you take home with you every night to support with this.

Who can help me?

Every house has a Pupil Support Leader (guidance) and a House Head. Each class also has a Daily Morning Tutor who they see every morning. There might be Pupil Support Assistants in some of your classes too.

All staff will be happy to help you if you need us.