



Year 6 FAQs

from previous incoming pupils, answered by our students and staff.

How many different subjects will I have each week? How many different teachers will I have in a week?

Subjects you will study each week in Year Seven: English, Maths, Science, French, Spanish, History, Geography, Music, PE, ADT (rotates around Art, Textiles, Food, Resistant Materials, Graphic/Product Design), Computing, Drama, Music, Citizenship and Religious Education.

You will have lessons a day, and will have a different teacher for each subject. You will see the same teacher for some lessons several times during the week.

How will I know where to go when I start in September?

Before the end of term (July) your tutor and team leader will contact you and your family to answer all your questions. You will be provided with a map and you will know what room you need to go to and meet your tutor and tutor group. There will be lots of people around to ask if you are unsure.

What will happen if I get bullied?

Bullying very rarely happens at Thomas Estley. Any incidents of unkind behaviour are dealt with swiftly by your tutor or team leader to ensure that it does not happen again.

Will someone guide/help us in our first few days/weeks?

You will have an allocated buddy who will be in the same tutor group as you, but not in the same year group. All students and staff at TECC are very helpful and they will ensure you know what to do and will be available so you can ask when you need help.

How many forms are there for year 7 and how many children will be in each form?

All tutor groups have students in from different year groups, year 7,8,9,10 and 11. We have four teams – Estley, Sutton, Thorp and Thomas. Each team has 9 tutor groups and each tutor group has approximately 25 students.

If I get lost where should I go?

If you are unsure where you need to go, please ask a student or a member of staff. You will have a map. Please don't worry as there will be lots of students and teachers to ask.

How will we know which sets we are in?

Apart from Maths, subjects are taught in mixed ability groups in Year Seven.

Where will we go during break/lunch?

At break you can buy a snack in the dining room and then go outside. If you bring a packed lunch you can sit with your friends (who also have a packed lunch) in a room which will be supervised by a member of staff, or eat in the dining room. Most students buy lunch from the dining room. After you have eaten your lunch you can go outside to play.

What clubs/activities are there on offer after and during school?

At TECC there are lots of clubs. A full list of clubs will be provided when you arrive. They include sports clubs, music, drama, dance, computing, design, and clubs within many subject areas as well as special interest clubs like Christian Union, Dr Who club, etc.

Is there transport available to school?

Currently, both Beaver Buses and Ausden Clark run services to the college – contracts are usually between parents and the bus companies, but the buses are solely for Thomas Estley students. More information is available on their websites.

How long do you get between lessons to move classrooms?

It will normally only take you about 2 minutes to move between lessons. Teachers are aware that for the first few weeks you may get lost, therefore please don't worry.

Will fire alarms be explained?

Yes, your tutor will make it all clear and will explain where you need to stand and we will have a practice in the first couple of weeks.

How many days do we get to do homework?

You will get a homework timetable from your tutor when you arrive and this will tell you what subjects you have homework in on which days. You will also be issued with a learning pack which will have a knowledge organiser and instructions of how to log on to 'show my homework' (the online portal where work is set) .

Are you allowed to use phones during school hours? Including lunchtimes?

You can only use your phone at break and lunchtime –**OUTSIDE THE BUILDING**. Phones will be confiscated if you have them out in lessons or on the corridor. Ear phones are also not allowed to be in use or seen in the building so make sure they are put away safely. In some lessons you may be able to 'bring your own device' if you wish to for learning purposes only and only as directed and supervised by the teacher, for example for online quizzes or background music for a play.

Uniform:

Are you allowed to wear tights? Yes – black or grey, with a skirt.

Do the girls have to wear skirts? Girls can wear grey or black trousers if they wish.

Can anyone wear shorts? – Shorts can only be worn for PE as part of the PE kit.

Are we allowed to wear trainers? All footwear must be fully black.

Do you have to have a hot meal?

No, a selection of cold sandwiches and salads are also available.

When is break time?

Break time is at 10.30 for 20 minutes

How many breaks do we get and how long are they?

Lunch is at 12.30 till 1.15 and a 5-minute movement bell. Break is 10.30-10.45 with a 5-minute movement bell

What time does the school day start and finish?

You can access the school building from 8.15am. Registration starts at 8.30am. School finishes at 3.00pm

What are the rules about bikes and scooters?

You can come to school on a bike or scooter. You must bring a lock and leave at the scooter/bike hoops when you arrive at the start of the day. They must not be taken onto the field at break or lunch.

Are classrooms labelled?

Yes, all rooms are labelled

Are there different 'levels' of detention for different things?

Yes, your tutor will explain to you how the behaviour system works and the reasons for receiving a detention, although we hope you don't get any!

Is there a year 7 girls' football team?

Yes, a successful one which is always looking for new players.

Will all of the year groups be mixed at break and lunch time?

You will have lunch time sittings. This means that all students from the same year group will come to the dining room at the same time.

Do we get to choose who we are in a form with?

No, tutor time is a great opportunity to get to know more students.

What will happen if there are no seats for me at lunchtime? Where will I eat?

There will be a seat available for you to eat at lunch time

Will we have assemblies and if we do where will we sit?

Each team has an assembly each week. You will sit in your tutor group and your tutor will stay with you.

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<https://thomasestleywellbeing.blogspot.com/>