

FAQ's

Assemblies

All assemblies here at Bromfords take place in the MAIN HALL (usually) and with only your year group. You will sit on chairs in your form groups class. This makes assemblies easier to understand as they will be relevant for your year group.

Tests

You will have to do some baseline tests to see where you are at when you arrive within the first half term this is to help us put you into the correct set after half term.

Sets/classes

English, maths and science are set based on your academic ability, you have these lessons 3 times a week. There are 4 sets on each side of the year. P.E is also set with a top and bottom set (which is also set on your ability), you have this twice a week.

Humanities (French, R.E, geography and history) are all mixed ability groups within your half of the year, you have these lessons twice a week. The only lessons as a form group are art, drama, IT and citizenship, you have these once a week. Because there is an array of different students in your classes, you will quickly make friends.

You will find out your classes on your first day with us. When you receive your timetable, each class will have a number on it. You can refer to your map to find your classes. If you are lost or confused, feel free to ask a member of staff or fellow student. You will have 5 lessons a day (one hour long) plus form which is 25 minutes with a break and lunch in between.

Bags and P.E kits

We do not have lockers.

Students carry their bags around as they contain all of your equipment that you need for the day, such as; pencil cases, lunch and other necessities. P.E kits are carried around with you but if you lose something, make sure to check in student reception, with your class teachers and/or in the P.E lost property boxes. I would advise you to name all your items so that reception can return them to you when they are handed in.

Regarding options

Year 8 is an important year at Bromfords because it will shape your future. In year 8, you will choose your options for later year's. Whether you are very practical, artsy or love to read, there will be a subject perfect for you. One question from a Hilltop student (a very good question as well) was 'Do you do construction as an option?'. Unfortunately, no but we do lots of other practical options including D.T (could be helpful for construction), Business Studies (if you are thinking of running your own business) and maths (perfect for areas of rooms, bricks or anything else).

Behaviour System

Behaviour points are issued for bad behaviour and Achievement points are issued for outstanding behaviour and/or effort. Detentions are issued by members of staff for a certain date and time. This will be held where the teacher needs to be. Whether homework is completed in detention depends on the teacher's preference. Teachers can keep you after school and at break and lunch for 10 minutes without prior warning. If you are late to class on your first week the teachers will allow it because you are new to

the school, however, after a couple of weeks if you arrive late your teacher will issue a signature on your Expectations card for punctuality (being late). If you receive 3 negative signatures on your card, the member of staff will pass the expectations Card to your Head of Year (HOY) to be issued a detention.

Getting lost

If you do find yourself lost, we have many ways to help. You will be given a map of the school, with each room number, feel free to ask any of Bromfords members of staff. Other students are always willing to help out and you can always make your way to student reception where our student helpers can guide you to your next lesson.

School trips

We have trips available for all year groups. You will be notified on these through email, class, assemblies or letters. To pay for these, you must ask a parent or guardian to go on parent pay and pay for these trips by a certain date. Trips that I know about have been, rewards trip to the cinema, Skiing, New York, Geography field trip, theatre trips and Year 7 always have a residential in July!

School times

School starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:50 p.m. We have 4 entrances and exits to the school. These include student reception, main reception, the side gate (by the playground) and a gate leading from Bromfords Avenue. Break is 20 minutes in between lessons 2 and 3, lunch is 30 minutes.

Medical

If you are injured or even just feel sick, we have a medical room for you to visit. It is easy to remember its location as it is in student reception. Wait at the desk opposite the main desk and a teacher will be with you short enough. If someone has injured themselves, please notify the nearest member of staff. Make sure there is always someone with the injured person.

Phones

Phones are allowed to be used outside during break and lunch but not in the classroom without permission from the teacher present. Make sure your phone is on silent as you enter your lesson. If your phone is not on silent and it makes a noise, your teacher has the right to confiscate it, if you comply you will be able to collect it after school from student reception. If you are found with your phone out during class, it can be taken away and you will receive a detention. You have a special pocket in your blazer for mobile phones. It is inside the blazer and has a zip to prevent it from falling out.

Reading system

During your first year here, you will receive a reading diary where you will mark down your book, the amount of time you read for and asked to summarise what you read. We do an accelerated reader programme in Literacy lessons.

Lunch

The school day starts 08:30 and ends at 14:50. Lunch time is 30 minutes. During this time, you are free to do what you want (to some extent). The library and computer suite are open and so is the hall and canteen. The canteen is the main place to buy food but we also have 'Bromfoods', this can be found outside by the playground, where you can buy food quickly (like a mini drive through). You can choose whether to bring your own food or buy some. Here at Bromfords we use our thumb prints to buy food. Your parent can add money to your account over parent pay and all you do is scan your thumb and the money will be taken from

your account to pay for your food. Half the school have their lunch between lesson 3 and 4, the other half have between lesson 4 and 5.

Sports

Many want to know about PE and the extra-curricular clubs on offer. We have a netball, football, basketball, athletics, cross country, handball, gymnastics, dance, rugby, swimming and trampolining teams. If you are chosen for a competition that is held in the school day you will receive a letter from the P.E department, if it is after school then you just turn up. Both boys and girls have the chance to do trampolining in class and in an extra curriculum. We also offer GSCE and A level dance. The fitness suite can be used in P.E lessons if the teacher wishes. It is also open to students after school on certain days. An extra-curricular timetable is set up at the beginning of each term, it is put on the website and on your form notice board. If you are ever in doubt, just ask a teacher.

Stationery

It is compulsory (a rule) to bring your own stationery. A list will be sent out of things you need including a pen, a pencil, a red pen, a ruler, a scientific calculator and a rubber. Feel free to bring highlighters. You can write in black or blue pens.

Homework

Usually, teachers set homework menus (you can choose your piece) but they can also set normal homework, for example the Maths department set homework once a week, alternating between a worksheet and Hegarty Maths (an online platform to complete maths questions). The due date depends on the difficulty and the teacher. Most homework is due a week after it was set. You get homework in every class except P.E and Drama.

Safety

At Bromfords, safety is one of our main concerns. This is why we encourage you to speak to us about anything that bothers you. We have designated safeguarding leads who you will have the chance to meet. Ms. Rainey is our anti-bullying lead and is always there to talk to. If you are harmed (physically, mentally or verbally) someone is always there to support you through any tough time. We take bullying very seriously and it is not tolerated. Anti-bullying ambassadors (and Miss Rainey) meet twice a week for you to go and see them with any worries or concerns you have. Here at Bromfords you can speak to any member of staff including form tutors, Head Of Year and Head Of Lower School.

Transition/First Day

In July you will have two transition days, this is when you will meet your form class, your tutor and experience some lessons as well as the canteen. There is also a year 6 Parents evening, this is when your parents/carers can meet your tutor and Head of Year.

On your first day you have the whole school to yourselves. You get to do lots of activities that enable you to make friends, meet new people in your side of the year as well as do an orienteering activity around the school. This really helps you settle in, as there is no fear about older students. Your Bromfords Buddy will also be there to support you. The Buddy system is where year 8 students help and support the new year 7's with the transition to big school. They will also be there to help you on the transition day too. On your first day you will have the chance to meet new people and get used to your new surroundings. We are all like a big family here so don't be scared to ask for help when you need it.