



Frequently Asked Questions

What date will my child start at Walton?

We will be welcoming year 7, 11 and 12 students on Wednesday 4 September 2023.

They will need to be in full uniform, with a school bag and their PE kit. On arrival, students will be escorted to the hall and be greeted by the pastoral team.

How can I purchase uniform?

You can do this in 3 ways:

1. Downtown – either in person or via this link: www.downtownstores.co.uk
2. Online through Trutex, please remember that you will need to use the school reference code (LEA00672SC)
www.trutex.com
3. Our pre-loved uniform shop will be open at the parents meeting on Thursday 6 July 2023 (4:00-5.15pm) and will be open in the summer holidays. Dates will be decided and communicated to parents as soon as possible. Please note that we rely on donations from parents and carers to stock the pre-loved uniform shop so we do not have all items available in all sizes.

How will my child know what form group they are in?

Your child will be allocated a house and tutor group during transition.

Are there any extra-curricular activities that my child can join?

There will be plenty of activities that your child can get involved in, from sports clubs to art clubs. These will be published on our website, on our TV screens and in tutor rooms. Most clubs are open to all students. We will expect your child to ask your permission before attending the club.

What time do the clubs finish after school?

Most after school clubs finish by 4.45pm.

My child catches the bus after school, so are there any clubs at lunchtime that they can attend?

There will be opportunities for your child to get involved in several activities at lunchtime. Students will need to be proactive and read our TV screens for updates.

Can my child use their mobile phone in school?

Mobile phones can only be used in school as learning aids at the teachers' discretion (in the classroom) or after school. When students arrive in school, they need to put their phone safe in their bag, preferably turned off so that there is no risk of it going off in lessons. If students are caught misusing their phone, the phone will be confiscated and they will be issued an after school detention. On occasions, phones may be used as learning aids, however, this is at the teachers' discretion.

When will we get the details for WisePay?

Login details will be sent to parents in the summer holidays. Please keep the details safe.

What if I forget my log in details for WisePay?

You will need to contact the finance office to re-issue the log in details.

How much homework will my child be expected to do?

For English, maths, and science, year 7 students will expect to have one piece per week. For other subjects, this is scheduled for once a fortnight. Some subjects will set longer duration homework and therefore not have it set as regularly. Students will have a planner to write their homework in. Parents are expected to check this regularly.

Does my child need to wear leggings for performing arts?

All students need to wear plain navy leggings underneath their shorts. These can be in the form of under layers as worn in PE.

Do we need to buy ballet/dance shoes?

In performing arts lessons, students will be expected to remove their shoes and socks. If they do not want to go bare foot, then we would advise that plain black ballet or jazz shoes are worn. Due to health and safety, students are not allowed to wear only socks in these lessons.

Can my child wear black trainers for school?

At Walton we pride ourselves on high standards and pride in our uniform. For this reason trainers are not permitted. Sanctions will be in place for students who do not meet expectations. Students will be directed to the pastoral team and given a suitable pair of shoes to wear for the day.

What equipment does my child need?

We need our students to be organised for all lessons and expect them to have a robust pencil case which includes – pens, pencils, ruler, rubber, and pencil sharpener. A scientific calculator will be needed for science and maths.

What should I do if my child has a medical appointment during the school day?

Wherever possible medical appointments should be booked for after school or during school holidays. However if this is unavoidable we expect parents to contact the school and to show proof of the appointment. Students need to be collected from school by an adult who is listed on our student management system as a contact for your child. We will not give permission for students to leave academy site without an adult. Students will be marked with a 'M' code which will impact attendance. This is a statutory measure.

What if my child forgets their lunch or WisePay card?

In this situation, students will need to report to student services as soon as possible to inform the pastoral team. Contact home will be made and suitable provisions put in place. Parents will be allowed to drop lunch off at main reception.

Will my child be in sets for lessons?

At a suitable point during year 7, students will be assessed and allocated sets in English, maths and science. This does not happen in other subjects.

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

To see if you are eligible please register with Lincolnshire County Council

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-pupil-support/apply-free-school-meals>

Whom can I contact if I have any further questions?

Useful emails:

Mrs Dolby – Assistant Principal (Admissions Lead) kdolby@walton-ac.org.uk

Miss Green – Admissions co-ordinator jgreen@walton-ac.org.uk

Mrs Banner – Assistant SENDCO abanner@walton-ac.org.uk

All necessary details will be on our website. This is regularly updated with information for parents and students. <https://www.walton-ac.org.uk/>