

Information for new students 2021-22

On the DLD Welcome Portal you can find:

- Class times
- Student Induction information sheet
- Student IT Guide
- Student Handbook
- Boarders' Handbook

Before your first day of lessons, you may have these questions:

1. How do I understand my timetable?

Example:

Days of the week

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| | Mon | Tue | Wed | |
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| Reg | 08:45 09:00 Registration MJ 1.31 | 08:45 09:00 Registration MJ 1.31 | 08:45 09:00 Registration MJ 1.31 | 08 Re St |
| 1 | 09:00 09:35 BTEC Bus.St MCY 1.06 | 09:00 09:35 Tutor Period MJ 1.31 | 09:00 09:35 BTEC Bus.St MCY 1.06 | 09 |
| 2 | 09:35 10:10 BTEC Bus.St MCY 1.06 | 09:35 10:10 English NT 2.68 | 09:35 10:10 BTEC Bus.St MCY 1.06 | 09 |
| 3 | 10:25 11:00 English NT 2.68 | 10:25 11:00 Study 1.02 | 10:25 11:00 Study 1.02 | 10 BT Mf |
| 4 | 11:00 11:35 English NT 2.68 | 11:00 11:35 Study 1.02 | 11:00 11:35 Study 1.02 | 11 BT Mf |
| 5 | 11:35 12:10 Study 1.02 | 11:35 12:10 BTEC Bus.St MCY 1.06 | 11:35 12:10 Study 1.02 | 11 |
| 6 | 12:10 12:45 Study 1.02 | 12:10 12:45 BTEC Bus.St MCY 1.06 | 12:10 12:45 Study 1.02 | 12 |
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| | 13:20 13:55 | 13:20 13:55 | 13:20 13:55 | 13 |

Period / lesson numbers

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Start and end times of lesson

Lesson subject

Teacher's initials Room number

2. What can I do in my free periods (the gaps on my timetable)?

If you are a Lower School student, you don't get any free periods except for lunchtime.

If you are an Upper School student (Year 12,13,14) you can use your free periods to study in one of our study areas, get a drink or snack from the Grumpy Mule café on the ground floor, or leave the building if you wish.

3. Where will my lessons be? How do I find my way around the building?

The room numbers for each lesson are on your timetable. For example, if the room is 2.68, this means it is on the 2nd floor, and you would walk around until you find room 2.68. The even numbers are on the outside of the building, the odd numbers on the inside.

If you are in quarantine, your lessons will be on Microsoft Teams.

4. Where can I eat lunch?

Lower School students: During the school day all Lower School boarders must consume food purchased in the Global Kitchen or Grumpy Mule. Day students can bring in a packed lunch but must eat this in the Global Kitchen.

Upper School students: You can eat food from the Global Kitchen or Grumpy Mule, bring in a packed lunch, or buy food from outside and eat it in the Global Kitchen.

5. How do I pay for lunch?

We use cashless catering. You will need to have money on your student ID card if you wish to buy food from the Global Kitchen or Grumpy Mule.

For the first few days after you arrive, your card might not work, while the system updates. In this case, please give your name to the person at the till. They will keep a record of what you spend and will deduct this from your deposit if necessary.

If you are a Boarder, you will already have sufficient money (£10) on your card for 3 meals a day, so you will only need to top up if you want to buy extras, such as coffees/drinks and snacks.

You can put money on your card using the machine in the area opposite the boarding lifts, near reception. The machine takes £5 or £10 notes only. If the machine isn't working or you don't have the correct notes, please see Zoe Fry in room M.02.

6. What should I bring to my first day of lessons?

- a mobile device (smartphone, tablet, laptop) so that you can complete the IT induction. Your IT guide will be in your arrival pack with your username and login.
- a charger for your device
- pen, pencil, ruler, notebook
- your student ID card and lanyard – you must always wear this around your neck whilst in college

Your teachers have ordered any textbooks that you need. (They will let you know if you need to order anything else yourself.)

If you have a question which isn't answered here or on the Welcome Portal, please contact the college and we will be happy to help.