



ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FROM YEAR 6 STUDENTS

- 1. Are the teachers strict?**

You will build really strong relationships with your teachers at Lord Grey. They are very keen for each and every one of you to be successful. Behaviour in the classrooms is very important in ensuring that you can learn and achieve your very best. If you follow your teachers' instructions and abide by the rules, you will find the teachers at Lord Grey to be firm but fair.
- 2. Do you have after school clubs?**

Many! You will get a comprehensive timetable of all the after school clubs on offer at Lord Grey. We have numerous Music clubs/groups, Drama club, Lego club, Art club and a huge amount of sporting clubs, to name but a few.
- 3. How long do you get to walk to your next class?**

Once the bell has gone and you have been released from one lesson, you have five minutes to get to your next class.
- 4. How old is Lord Grey School?**

Lord Grey opened in 1973, so it is 48 years old.
- 5. Do you have an Art class?**

Yes, you will have one hour a week of Art on your timetable.
- 6. How will I remember where my lessons are?**

Don't panic! Everyone feels as if they will never find their way around when they first arrive, but you will! You will have a tour of the school on the first day, with your own map and maps will be located around the site. You will also have members of your form group that you can turn to for help in getting around.
- 7. Will we be in the same tutor group as our friends?**

We cannot guarantee that you will be in the same tutor group as your friend from your primary school, in fact, we try to ensure that each tutor group only has one or two students from one primary school in the new Year 7. You will soon make friends with new people, especially due to your different classes, but remember, there is always break time and lunch time to meet up with your established friendship group.
- 8. Will I be in big trouble if I get lost?**

Absolutely not! Please do not worry about this. All of your teachers will be more than aware that in such a big campus, it is probably certain that you will get lost at some point! As you become more established at school and learn your timetable, you will soon find your way around.
- 9. Do you have a cricket team?**

Yes we do. Look out for the extra-curricular timetable.
- 10. Are there any foods that we are not allowed to eat at lunch or break?**

Energy drinks are banned.
- 11. What sports clubs do you have for girls?**

There are many clubs. Most sports at Lord Grey are offered for boys and girls. We have a huge variety of sports, ranging from darts to cheerleading and UV sports run by the GLAM Squad (Girls Leadership and Marketing Squad).

- 12. Why is the school so big?**

The school feels much bigger than your primary school because we need room for all the students and teachers that we have here. We also need enough classrooms for all the different subjects that we teach. Whilst you may be used to having all your lessons in one space, at Lord Grey you will travel to different classrooms to be taught a different subject.
- 13. How many children are there at Lord Grey?**

We currently have 1500 students, including our Sixth Form.
- 14. When are assemblies?**

We currently have virtual assemblies and they take place during your tutor time on a Monday morning. Every day, there will be a different type of activity for you to undertake during your tutor time sessions.
- 15. Where do I put my inhaler?**

Your inhaler can be kept safely and securely in Student Services.
- 16. When can we go outside?**

You are free to go outside during your break and lunch time. You will also have PE lessons outside and there may be occasions where other lessons require you to learn outside, too!
- 17. Do we change House when we move into another year group?**

No, you will remain in your allocated House throughout your time at Lord Grey Academy.
- 18. How much do lockers cost?**

You will receive a letter regarding the leasing of a locker during the second week of September. Lockers cost £10 for a year, and upon receipt of your key, you will receive £5 in return.
- 19. Can you use your phone during class?**

No. Mobile phones must be switched off and placed in your bags as soon as you walk through the school gates. They must remain switched off throughout the day, only to be turned on once you have left the school premises. In case of an emergency, contact can be made via reception or Student Services.
- 20. Why are House Points important?**

You can receive House points for a number of reasons, but mainly for progress, success, achievement and to praise your hard work and commitment to your learning. If everyone in your House earns enough House Points, you may well be rewarded with winning one of the House Cups at the end of the school year...
- 21. How many lessons are there in a day?**

You will have five, one hour lessons in a day, with a tutor time at the start of each school day.
- 22. What languages can I learn?**

In Year 7, you will learn either German or Spanish. However, there are extra-curricular opportunities available to you to learn other languages, should you wish.
- 23. Do we have English lessons every day?**

During Year 7, you will have 4 hours of English a week spread out across your timetable.
- 24. Can we play football at break and lunch time?**

Yes, you can. There are designated areas upon which you may play football.
- 25. I'm worried about homework...**

Don't be! Homework will be issued very gradually as you start in Year 7 and you will not be expected to spend hours and hours of your time completing homework! Homework is excellent in helping you to consolidate your learning and developing your independent skills. We will give you lots of help and support with how to complete homework and organise your time.