

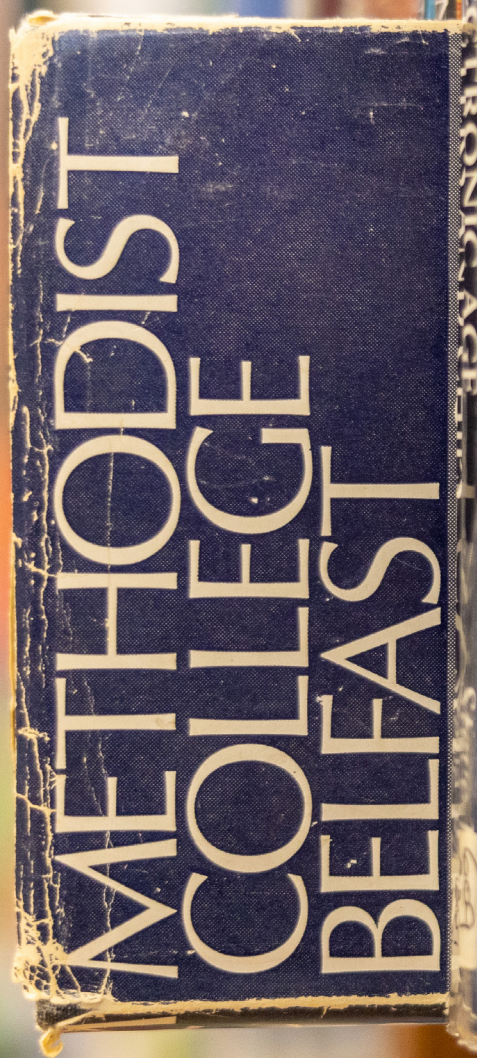


Methodist College Belfast

Form 1 Pupil Guide

2023 - 2024





*“A journey of
thousand
miles begins
with a single
step.”*

Lao Tzu

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Welcome Collegians!



This booklet has been written to help you through your first year at Methodist College Belfast. It will hopefully answer all of your questions but, if not, your Tutor will help you with any problems as you start the new term.

If you would like to find out more about school life, check out the school website:

methody.org

This is an exciting time for you as you start your journey as a young Collegian!



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Meet the Team



Mrs E McKay
Head of Junior School
Mathematics Staffroom



Dr F Quinn
Deputy Head of Pastoral Care
Pastoral Care Office, Sanatorium



Mrs B Bell
Head of Form 1
Technology Staffroom



Mrs S McKay
Deputy Head of Form 1
Mathematics Staffroom



Your First Week

Day 1

Tuesday 29 August 2023

When should I arrive?	9.00 am
Where should I go?	The Chapel of Unity
What should I bring?	A school bag, pencil, pen, colouring pencils, ruler, snack and drink for break time
What time will I go home?	School will finish at 12 noon

Day 2

Wednesday 30 August 2023

When should I arrive?	9.00 am
Where should I go?	Tutor Group Room
What should I bring?	A school bag, pencil, pen, colouring pencils, ruler, snack and drink for break time, lunch
What time will I go home?	School will finish at 3 pm

Day 3 & 4

Thursday 31 August & Friday 1 September 2023

When should I arrive?	8.45 am
Where should I go?	Tutor Group Room
What should I bring?	A school bag, pencil, pen, colouring pencils, ruler, snack and drink for break time, lunch
What time will I go home?	School will finish at 3.15 pm

We have an exciting induction programme planned for you!

From Monday 4 September, you will be in timetabled class and it will be Week B.



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The School Day

You will be placed in a Tutor group and will have a Tutor who you will meet with at the beginning of every day for Registration at 8.45 am.

At 8.55 am, you will either go to Assembly or stay in Tutor Group until 9.10 am before going to Period 1.

	Monday - Thursday	Friday
Tutor Group	8.45	8.45
Assemblies / Long Tutor Group	8.55	N/A
Period 1	9.10	8.55
Period 2	10.00	9.45
Break	10.50	10.35
Period 3	11.10	10.55
Period 4	12.00	11.45
Lunch	12.50	12.35
Period 5	1.35	1.20
Period 6	2.25	2.10

School finishes at 3.15pm on Monday to Thursday and 3.00pm on a Friday!



School Timetable

This is an example of a timetable which you will get. We have a two week timetable with 6 periods each day.

	MonA	TueA	WedA	ThuA	FriA
REG	1X/Rg WML R24	1X/Rg WML R24	1X/Rg WML R24	1X/Rg WML R24	1X/Rg WML R24
1	1X/Gg PDK L5	1C3/Sc PEW J6	1C3/Sc PEW J6	1X/Gg PDK L2	1C3/Fn JEC F2
2	1X/Ma ARD D6	1X/MuB ELO G11	1C3/Sc PEW J6	1X/Hi UCN F8	1C3/Fn JEC F2
3	1C3/TI NHA T3	1C3/Ar JI V4	1X/En NMN M5	1X/DrB LA F9	1X/Ma ARD D6
4	1C3/TI NHA T3	1X/En NMN M6	1X/Ma ARD C8	1X/La JGW E1	1X/PeB TDC
5	1X/Le WML K3	1X/Ma ARD C7	1X/Frb RMR D5	1X/It JAR K7	1P/Gs
6	1X/Hi UCN F8	1X/Re IKG K5	1X/En NMN M6	1X/Fra REK E7	1P/Gs

This is the room number

This is the subject code

This is the teacher code

	MonB	TueB	WedB	ThuB	FriB
REG	1X/Rg WML R24	1X/Rg WML R24	1X/Rg WML R24	1X/Rg WML R24	1X/Rg WML R24
1	1X/Gg PDK L5	1X/DrB JEM H3	1X/Re IKG K5	1X/Ma ARD D6	1C3/Fn JEC F6
2	1X/En NMN K2	1X/Re IKG K5	1X/MuB ELO G22	1X/Le WML K3	1X/Hi UCN H3
3	1X/Hi UCN H5	1C3/Sc PEW J6	1C3/Sc PEW J6	1C3/TI NHA T3	1X/En NMN M5
4	1X/En NMN M6	1C3/Sc PEW J6	1X/La JGW E1	1X/Gg PDK L5	1X/PeB TDC
5	1X/Ma ARD D6	1C3/Ar JI V4	1X/En NMN M6	1X/Fra REK E7	1P/Gs
6	1X/Ma ARD D6	1C3/Ar JI V4	1X/Fra REK C8	1X/It JAR K7	1P/Gs

This is the class code

ARD: Dr W A R Denpsie
ELO: Miss E M Orr
IKG: Mr I K Gibson
JAR: Miss J A Richmond
JEC: Miss J E Crockett
JEM: Mrs J A Maguire
JGW: Miss J G Williamson
JE: Miss J Irvine
LA: Miss L Anderson

NHA: Mr N Hawthorne
NMN: Mr N B Maltman
PDK: Mr P D Kirk
PEW: Miss P E L Wilson
REK: Miss R E Keaveney
RMR: Mr R D McReynolds
TDC: Mr T D Creighton
UCN: Miss U T Corrigan
WML: Mr W M Latimer

Your Tutor Group will be split for certain subjects - Art, Technology, Science, Food and Nutrition, PE, Music and Drama.



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Be Organised!

One of the most important things you can do to help you have a positive experience each school day is to be organised.

You will have lots of different subjects every day therefore you should check your timetable for the next day and pack your bag for each subject the night before.

Everyday essentials:

Books for each class - these will be provided by your teachers

Homework diary

Blue/black pens

Pencils and colouring pencils

Rubber

Ruler

On days when you have PE, Games or Music remember to bring the relevant equipment.

Extra-curricular Activities

There are a range of extra-curricular activities that you can get involved in, including:

All Ireland Linguistics Olympiad	Golf	Moneybox
Athletics	Guitar Workshop	Netball
Band	Hockey	Robotics Club
Basketball	Irish Traditional Group	Rowing
Chess Club	Junior Art Club	Rugby
Club Gaelige	Junior Choir	Sewing Club
Cricket	Junior Christian Union	Social Club
Cross Country	Junior Debating Society	Swimming
Football	Junior Drop In	Technology and Design
French Club	Junior Orchestra	The Global Village
Geography Society	Junior Science Club	



What do I do if...

I get lost

Don't panic. Methody is a very big school but there are lots of people who are here to help you. At the back of this booklet, there is a map of the school. It gives you an idea of where each subject is taught. Remember, the school is arranged alphabetically with A Block at the top end near the Canteen and V Block at the opposite end in the Sports Hall.

If you get lost, show your timetable to any teacher or Prefect and they will help you get to the correct room. A Prefect is a Sixth Form pupil who wears a special badge on their blazer.

I am late to school

Tutor Group starts promptly at 8.45am! If you are late to school you should go to Rolls and Records to sign in. Then, depending on the time, you either go to Assembly or class.

I have to go to a rehearsal instead of Tutor Group

Some music and sports groups will have a practice or rehearsal which happens during Tutor Group time. The teacher in charge of the activity will register your attendance.

I feel sick in school

If you feel unwell in class, tell the teacher and they will send you to the School Nurse. She can be found at the back of A block behind the Heritage Centre. The School Nurse will look after you and hopefully will help you to go back to class. If necessary, she will telephone home to talk to a Parent / Guardian. You need permission from the School Nurse to go home if you are unwell.



What do I do if...

I lose something

There are some things we can all do to keep our belongings safe:

- Make sure that all of your belongings are clearly labelled with your name.
- Never leave your belongings unattended at break or lunch.
- You should not bring valuables or large amounts of money into school.

If you do lose something, don't panic! There are many things you can do:

- Retrace your steps to see if you have left it in a previous classroom.
- Go to Reception and ask Mrs Foster if it has been handed in.
- Tell your Tutor that you have lost something and they will help you look for it.
- Go to Lost Property to see if it has been handed in. You will be told the location of Lost Property and its opening times at the start of term.

I would like to talk to someone

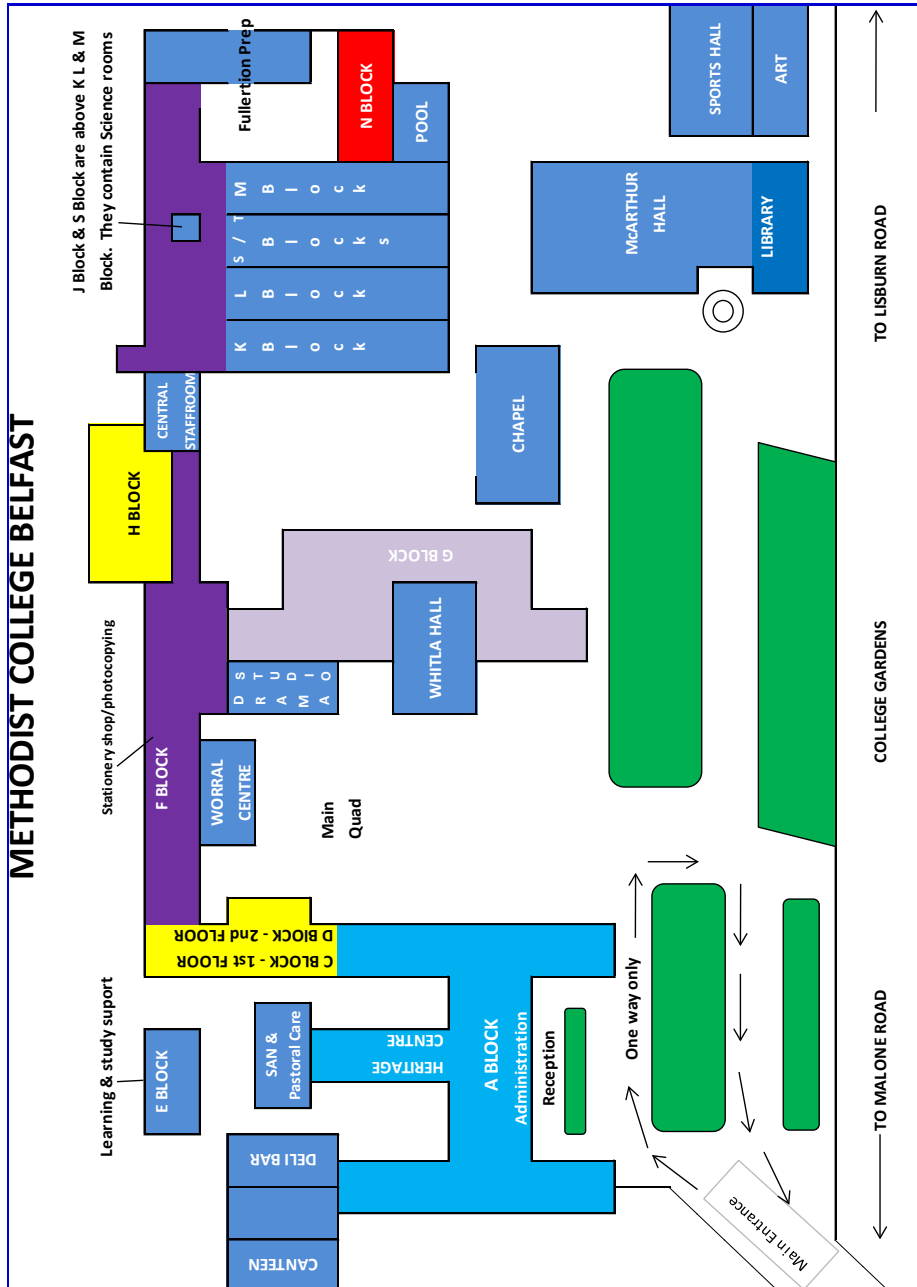
All of your teachers and your Tutor are more than happy to have a chat with you at any time if you have a problem. However, you may want to talk to someone from the Pastoral Care Team, Dr F Quinn is responsible for Junior School. Mrs B Bell, Mrs S McKay and Mrs M Corrigan will also help with pastoral concerns in Form One. Remember any member of staff is willing to listen if you need help!

I am unsure about homework

You may get up to 4 different types of homework each night. Some will be for the next day but some could be set over a longer time. Your Tutor will show you how to fill in your homework diary so that you don't get confused. Try to get into the habit of doing homework the night it is set rather than leaving it to the last minute. You will be given a homework timetable in September.



School Map



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