



# Nobel Algarve BRITISH INTERNATIONAL

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Welcome pack 2024/25



# Welcome to Nobel Algarve British International School.

# I am delighted that you are joining us – welcome to our Nobel Algarve family.

I join Nobel Algarve British International School, Almancil at a very exciting time. A school, with incredible facilities, and room for growth, I am fortunate to be part of an incredible team of educators who share the same vision. The school has an incredible staff that is committed to providing the best education, and one that fosters a love of learning. The make-up of the staff are truly international, and we come with experience and more importantly, a desire to grow, individually and collectively.

Our next academic year will see our current Year 11 cohort completing their IGCSE examinations, and in September 2025, the same group will be the pioneers of Nobel's first International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme (DP). We are a candidate school for the Diploma Programme, pursuing authorization as an IB World School. IB World Schools share a common philosophy; a commitment to high-quality, challenging, international education, that we believe is important for our students.

While the school follows a rigorous academic programme, at Nobel, we aim to nurture young minds to be inquisitive, caring and reflective individuals who want to make a positive impact in the ever-changing world we live in, and, in line with the vision of Globeducate, we seek to lay the foundations for a better future". The foundation are the students we work with.

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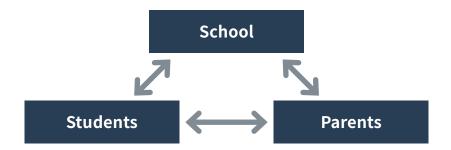
**Head of School** 



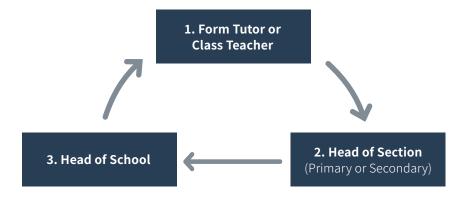
# Communication between Home and School

It is very important to us that communication between school and home is effective.

We know that the students thrive when the school, parents and students all work together.



#### What do I do if I need to contact the school?



In the first instance, you should contact your child's form tutor or class teacher in primary.

Your child's form tutor or class teacher has overall responsibility for the care, welfare and academic progress of all students in their form group or class.

You can contact your child's form tutor or class teacher via SEI, Class Dojo or by email.

You will find out your child's form tutor in July.



#### Why might you want to contact your child's form tutor or class teacher?

You must contact your child's form tutor or class teacher if your child is going to be absent from school or you are concerned about your child's pastoral welfare or the academic progress of your child. We also encourage you to contact the subject teacher.

#### When will the form tutor get back to me?

The form tutor or class teacher will get back to you within 2 working days of receiving the communication (term time only), but please remember that they are teachers, and they cannot usually return communication during the day as they are teaching.

#### Who else can I contact?

Each Head of Section is responsible for the welfare, academic progress, and discipline of the students. He/she will deal with more serious matters. They all directly report to the Head of School.

#### Concern and Complaints

There is a difference between a concern and a complaint.

A concern may be defined as 'an expression of worry or doubt over an issue considered to be important for which reassurances are sought.'

A complaint may be defined as 'an expression of dissatisfaction however made, about actions taken or a lack of action.'

It is in everyone's interest that concerns and complaints are resolved at the earliest possible stage. Many issues can be resolved informally, without the need to use the formal stages of the complaint's procedure (see internal regulations). Nobel Algarve takes concerns seriously and will make every effort to resolve the matter as quickly as possible.

If you have difficulty discussing a concern with a particular member of staff, we will respect your views. In these cases, your Head of Section will refer you to another staff member. Similarly, if the member of staff directly involved feels unable to deal with a concern, their Head of Section will refer you to another staff member. The member of staff may be more senior but does not have to be. The ability to consider the concern objectively and impartially is more important.

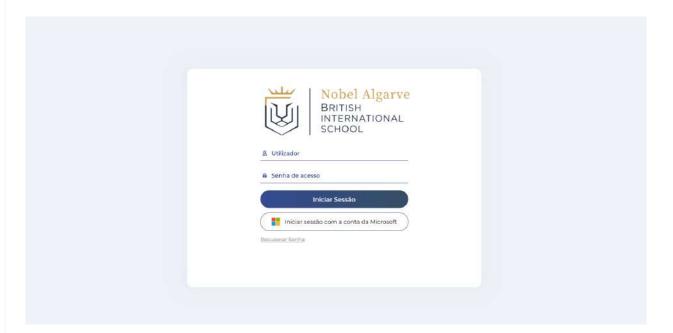
Complaints and concerns should be shared through these channels not through WhatsApp.

### **SEI Platform**

#### 1.1.Click on Browser >> https://sei.edubox.pt/nobel.aspx

To access this platform you will need to use your **email given on school front office as the main contact.** 

If you can not remember the email address provided to the front office, please contact **helpdesk.almancil@nobelalgarve.com**, who will be happy to assist you



#### 1.2. Information Shared on SEI:

On the platform you will also receive important information regarding school, classes and lessons concerning your child during the Academic Year.

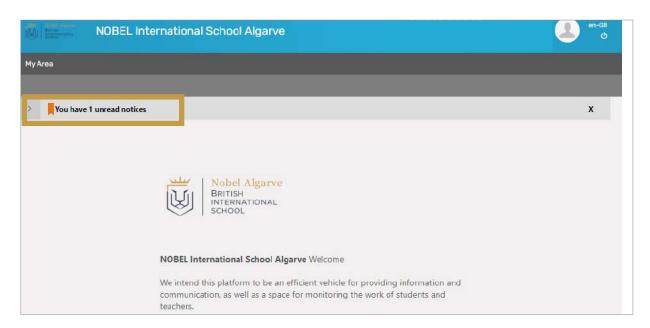




#### 1.3 Emails sent with SEI:

From this platform you will also going to receive during the academic year important information, regarding school, class and subject information about your child.

Please check all "Unread notices" on the platform.



#### 1.4 Quick Guide

With the new legislation regarding the General Regulation for Data Protection, Edubox has provided an automatic recovery of your password, in order to keep data private and with the minimum possible digital footprint. In this way, we invite parents to follow the indications provided below, in order to have access to your student's account. Any questions you may have regarding the use of this platform, please access this link below:

https://bit.ly/NobelAlmancil\_ManualSEI\_Parents-EN

# **Quick Guide**

Your child's academic or pastoral support, homework etc.	$\Rightarrow$	Class Teacher or Form Tutor (via Sei or Email)
Reporting Absence or providing specific information about my child	$\rightarrow$	Class Teacher or Form Tutor (via Sei or Email)
Weekly updates on activities, guidance and much more	$\Rightarrow$	Teachers (Class Dojo or Email)
Purchasing uniform	$\Rightarrow$	Uniform Email
The bus service or accounts information	$\rightarrow$	Front Office
Medical information or support	$\Rightarrow$	The School Nurse
Feedback, concerns, suggestions	$\rightarrow$	Head of Section
Urgent or serious concern regarding safeguarding, child welfare or safety	$\rightarrow$	Designated Safeguarding Lead
Serious concern or advice	$\rightarrow$	Head of School



# Attendance and Punctuality

At Nobel Algarve, we recognise that excellent attendance and punctuality are essential to success and achievement at school.

Excellent attendance is vital if students are to become independent learners and develop the important time-management skills, which will help them to be successful in higher education and their chosen career pathway.

#### Guidance for Families/Carers:

All students are expected to attend school every day unless there is a genuine medical or other reason for absence.

The school day starts at 9 am for primary school. In the Secondary School, students must be in their form room at 8.50 am. After this time, students are late for school.

#### If your son/daughter is absent:

- Please message your form tutor or class teacher on SEI before 9 am on each day of your child's absence.
- Parents should also email **absences.almancil@nobelalgarve.com** when their child is absent from school.

Medical (including dentist) appointments should be made outside of school time.

If a student is absent due to sickness for 5 days or more, a medical certificate is required.

#### Holidays in term time

Holidays should not be taken during term time. If this is required, a Leave of Absence Request Form is available from the Front Office and should be completed in advance of any leave. Permission is at the discretion of the Head of Section.

Nobel Algarve believes that attendance is crucial for students to be able to gain their future dream jobs and become model citizens.

The school's minimum expected attendance is 97%. On the rare occasion that a student cannot attend school, parents or guardians should make contact for each day of non-attendance via email absence@nobelalgarve.com.

## **Useful Contacts**

#### Academic Leadership Group

Role	Name	Email address
Head of School	David Jenkins	david.jenkins@nobelalgarve.com
Head of Secondary School	Scott Pryde	scott.pryde@nobelalgarve.com
Head of Primary School	James Harrison	james.harrison@nobelalgarve.com





### Other support

Front Office	Emma Martins	almancil@nobelalgarve.com +351 289 246 303
Uniform	Raquel Silva	shop.almancil@nobelalgarve.com
VivaHUB (After School Activities)	Filipa Magalhães	vivahub@nobelalgarve.com
IT support	Pedro Balcinha	helpdesk.almancil@nobelalgarve.com
Admissions	Margaret Campbell	admissions.almancil@nobelalgarve.com
Medical	Vera Azevedo	nurse.almancil@nobelalgarve.com +351 926 310 129



## Wellbeing and Safeguarding

Nothing is more important to us than the students' well-being, their opinions and achievement. Students are recognised as individuals with a variety of personal and complex needs, and it is Nobel Algarve's commitment to ensure that every student has their needs met.

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child that needs to be reported, you should contact the following colleagues:

Designated Safeguarding Lead	Siobhan Lewsey, Safeguarding, Behaviour and Wellbeing
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	Vera Azevedo, School Nurse
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	Scott Pryde, Head of Secondary
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	James Harrison, Head of Primary

#### A Rounded Education

A whole school priority is to encourage students to maximise their physical, emotional and spiritual well-being through a programme of personal, social, health and economic education (PSHE).

A series of drop-down events occur throughout the academic year, with external providers to enhance that provision.

#### Anti-bullying

Students are not expected to tolerate bullying and are encouraged to be proactive about reporting incidents both inside and outside the school to a member of staff. There are many types of bullying which include the following:

- **Emotional** unfriendly, excluding, tormenting or taking property
- **Physical** pushing, kicking, punching or any form of violence
- Racial racial taunting, graffiti or gesturing
- **Sexual** unwanted physical contact or sexually abusive comments
- **Homophobic** focusing on, or as a result of, sexuality
- **Verbal** name-calling, sarcasm, rumour-spreading and teasing
- **Cyber** activity online, videos, photos, phone or social media

For more information, you can read through our anti-bullying policy, on our website in the Institutional Documents section.



### **Pastoral Care**

#### The Tutor System

Each phase of school has a designated team who oversee the pastoral care, support and guidance for children.

Your first port of call is your child's form tutor or class teacher. They will build a nurturing relationship, supporting and overseeing the academic progress of your child, whilst ensuring strong pastoral foundations underpin their success.



### **House and Rewards**

The House system is a distinctly British feature of the school that encourages collegiality and healthy competition amongst students.

#### Our developing House system is used for:

Collaboration, through cross section and phase competitions;

**Student Leadership, and Student Voice,** as students are given the opportunity to shape our school community through our House Council;

**Charity Work,** our students learn to contribute to a fair and just world;

and for **Rewards and Recognition**, where students are celebrated for their effort, kindness, sporting endeavors or academic success. Helping students discover what success means to them.









Each House has a colour, an emblem, an attribute and a charity and these were designed by the students.

It is important for students to have the opportunity to play an active role and contribute to a community within their school, which allows them to develop skills and talents and acknowledges their successes in a wide range of ways.

We encourage students to play an active role in the success of their House. Individual and team efforts are rewarded, and students are expected to contribute to Inter-house competitions throughout the year.

#### Rewards and Recognition

At Nobel Algarve we reward students' endeavours and achievements creating a feeling of pride and achievement and this is done in several ways.

**House Points** are given in class when students achieve something exceptional make considerable effort, use initiative, or master a skill.

This year we have brought in **Achievement Postcards** which are given out when a student has done something the school is proud of.

Achievement and Attainment Awards are given termly in assemblies.

Students are invited by the Head of School to **Achievement Teas** when they are a role model for other students.

**The House Cup** is given each half term to the winning House and the **School Trophy** is awarded to the winning House at the end of the academic year.



## How to get a Health Number in Portugal

The following documents should be presented at the Health Centre

- Identification document (e.g. Passport/ID)
- Proof of Social Security Beneficiary
- Proof of Tax Identification No.
- S.E.F. document (Expression of interest until 31-12-2021 or Proof of Application for Authorization of Family Reunification)
- Certificate of Residence (Parish Council)
- European Union Citizen Registration Certificate

Or, you can send the documentation by email to the address below.

- gabutente-ptm@arsalgarve.min-saude.pt with telephone contact information
- For more information, phone: 808 24 24 24 or this website:
   https://eportugal.gov.pt/en/servicos/pedir-o-numero-de-utente-do-sns



## **Uniform and Equipment**

#### September 2024

Students at Nobel Algarve British International School are expected to wear the uniform to the school on all occasions. The school uniform is an important part of our collective identity and sense of community. It is important that students always present themselves as ambassadors of the school including when they are in public places or travelling to and from the school.

The Senior Leaders at the school expect all students to adhere to the Uniform Policy.

All students are expected to wear the uniform detailed below. This uniform will be checked daily. Parents will be informed if the uniform code is breached, and secondary students are not permitted into lessons until they are correctly dressed in full school uniform. A member of staff will take students to the school shop to purchase correct uniform and contact the parent or carer of any student who does not adhere to the policy.

#### Aims:

- To encourage self-respect and pride in the school.
- To promote a professional approach to learning.
- To help promote the academic ethos of the school as a well-ordered environment in which to learn.
- To ensure that students are well presented and smart.

#### This will be achieved by:

- Parents and carers fully aware of the uniform requirements.
- Documentation for all new students to clearly state how the uniform can be obtained.







#### Primary Uniform

Item	Description
Hoodie	Navy school hooded top. No other jumpers, hoodies, sweatshirts, or waistcoats will be permitted.
Polo short	White polo shirt with school emblem.
Skirt	Blue school skirt
Trousers	Plain grey trousers or shorts with school logo.



#### PE Kit



Please note, PE kit is worn on the days when the children have PE when they can remain in their kit all day.

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Bottom	Blue school shorts or school tracksuit bottoms.
Тор	White or blue sports PE top with school emblem Track suit top.



#### Secondary uniform

#### New Uniform

Item	Description
Hoodie	Navy school hooded top. No other jumpers, hoodies, sweatshirts, or waistcoats will be permitted.
Polo short	White polo shirt with school emblem.
Skirt	Navy school pleated skirt.
Trousers	Plain grey trousers or shorts with school logo.

The school reserves the right to make a judgement on acceptability. Students not adhering to the uniform policy will either be taken to the school shop to purchase items or sent home to change.

Roles and Responsibilities:		
Students will:	Wear the required uniform and be properly equipped at all times	
All staff will	<ul> <li>Monitor students ensuring rules are being observed</li> <li>Check compliance every morning as students are registered</li> <li>Invoke appropriate rewards/sanctions consistently in every case</li> </ul>	
Tutors will	<ul> <li>Contact parent/carers to resolve any recurring problems</li> <li>Inform Head of Section of those requiring an escalated sanction</li> </ul>	
Leaders	<ul><li>Support tutors in their role</li><li>Collate merits for prizes</li></ul>	
Parents/ carers will	<ul> <li>Support the school uniform policy</li> <li>Ensure that their child complies fully with the uniform rules</li> </ul>	



Further guidance:		
Jewellery, Hair and Make up	<ul> <li>Only discreet jewellery is to be worn.</li> <li>Hair must be a natural colour and tidy. In primary it should be tied back.</li> </ul>	
PE Footwear	Converse, Vans, and plimsolls are not suitable for PE.	
Socks	Socks must be worn below the knees.	
Belongings	<ul> <li>Substantial amounts of money and expensive personal effects must not be brought to the school. Nobel Algarve will not accept liability for any claim arising from theft, accidental loss or damage to personal effects, money, belongings, or clothing whilst on the school premises.</li> </ul>	
Phones	<ul> <li>Phones are not allowed in school under any circumstances. If a student needs to contact home, then they may call from the school office.</li> </ul>	
Religious clothing:	<ul> <li>Hijabs must be plain black or blue.</li> <li>Beards should be well groomed.</li> <li>A small cross may be worn under school uniform.</li> </ul>	

#### Monitoring, Evaluation, and Review

The SLT will review this policy at least every two years and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.

#### Breaches of this policy

Students in breach of this policy will be sanctioned appropriately which, in cases of non-compliance with reasonable demands, could lead to disciplinary procedures towards the student and even exclusion.

#### How to order

Please send an e-mail to shop.almancil@nobelalgarve.com or call him at (+351 289 246 303)

# **Equipment and Reader List** 2024/2025

There are no expectations for parents to purchase books. Books will be purchased by the school and will be used as needed in each of the classes. If a student loses a book, they will be responsible for replacing it.

All students (from Year 1 upwards) should come prepared to school with the following basic equipment:

Equipment Required
Pencil case (with their name written clearly)
Ruler
Pencil(s)
Eraser/rubber
Pen(s)
Colour pencils
Highlighter
Glue stick

I would encourage you to write their initials on each piece of equipment.



Students in Years 10 and 11 will be required to bring in a learning device (ideally a laptop). The specifications can be found in the IT User Policy. Students will be expected to come to all of their classes with their device, unless instructed to do otherwise. When not needed, we recommend that the devices are left in their lockers.

To access the complete **It User Policy**, please click on the click below:

https://bit.ly/NobelAlmancil\_TechnologyUserPolicy





# VivaHUB After School Activities

Nobel Algarve British International School, Almancil is proud to announce its annual extracurricular programme, VivaHUB, designed to empower our students to discover their passion.

VivaHUB isn't just a list of after-school clubs; it is an exciting, vibrant programme in which children can continue exploring, learning and growing in various key areas.

VivaHUB is a wonderful opportunity for our children to find new hobbies and interests. The programme will open them up to new experiences or hone their skills in an area they already have a passion for. We know that life can get busy and VivaHUB provides that additional care that can assist parents when managing their work-home balance.

This academic year we will also launch the **Enrichment Programme**, a new concept focused on Sports, STEAM, Language, and Creative Arts. The costs for these Enrichment Programme are included in the school fees.

All these activities will begin in September. Information and pricing will be shared before the start of the Autumn term.



Discover more about VivaHUB on our Website <a href="https://www.nobelalgarve.com/almancil-campus/vivahub">https://www.nobelalgarve.com/almancil-campus/vivahub</a>





CreativeHUB For creative potential



CulturalHUB For cultural potential



InnovationHUB For innovative potential



WellbeingHUB For athletic potencial



### **Outdoor Learning**

Roald Dahl once said, "The more risks you allow children to take, the better they learn to take care of themselves."

At Nobel Algarve we believe we can challenge ourselves, take risks and seek to discover more than we know; this is facilitated through the range of outdoor learning experiences we offer, both as part of the curriculum, and offered by Cheeky Monkey Adventurers.

The benefits of high-quality outdoor learning experiences quickly become apparent when the children are given the opportunity to take part in risk-assessed, but not risk-free activities.

**The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award** is offered in Bronze, Silver and Gold and is designed to provide a balanced programme of personal development and challenge.

Through developing transferable skills, increasing their fitness levels, cultivating a sense of adventure and volunteering in their community, the Award helps young people to find their purpose, passion, and place in the world.

Read more about **The Journey**, here:

#### https://bit.ly/NobelAlmancil\_TheJourneyBooklet

#### Bear Camps

In the primary phase, **Forest School** is part of the curriculum.

When children visit Forest School, they see the world around them, look up and appreciate a blue sky or a dark cloud. We live in a beautiful part of the world, and we make the most of all that has to offer. Children understand that learning occurs everywhere, inside and outside, and they learn to seize opportunities, be positive and seek out new challenges.



## **School Drop-Off Points**

As of September 2024, parents will not be permitted to be on the school's main campus to pick up and drop off their children.

The two main reasons for this:

- 1. First and foremost, this is a safeguarding issue. We have over 400 students on campus from 3 up to 17, and we need to know exactly who is on campus and why.
- 2. The teachers need to be focussed on the students who they are responsible for, and they can get distracted when speaking to parents at the start or at the end of the day.

The new procedures are as follows:

#### Drop-Off

In the morning, parents have a number of options when dropping off students:

- 1. Pull up in the drop off zone outside of the school, stop, let your ward get out of the car and enter the school, and you drive off.
- 2. Park your car (not in the drop off zone), come to the gate, and see your child off.
- 3. Park your car, come into the main court area outside of the front doors and see your ward off.
- 4. Parents of students in Nursery and Reception will be able to enter and wait in the playground area until 9am when the students will be taken to their classrooms by the class teacher.

#### Pick-Up

Students will be dismissed at different points.

- 1. Parents of Nursery and Reception will pick up their ward from the reception playground.
- 2. Students in Years 1, 2 & 3 will be brought to the front gate area. Parents can meet their wards there to be dismissed.
- 3. Students in Years 4 6 will be dismissed at the double gate (to the right of the security gate as you face the school building).
- 4. Secondary students will be dismissed at the side gate, near the secondary canteen. Older siblings will be picked up at the same point as their younger siblings.



#### School Map overview





**Gate 1:** Pick up for Years 1 - 3

Gate 2: Drop off and pick up for Nursery and Reception

**Gate 3:** Drop off for Years 1 - 6 **Gate 4:** Pick up for Years 4 - 6

**Gate 5:** Drop off Pick up for Secondary



Road

**One way Route** 



#### Pre-School and Primary School | Drop-Off





#### Secondary School | Drop-Off





### School Calendar 2024/2025

The full calendar for the upcoming academic here, can be found here:

https://bit.ly/NobelAlmancil\_SchoolCalendar\_24-25

#### Calendar and Sponsorship of Events

We have updated the events calendar, identifying those events we shall celebrate as a school. We have been working and discussing this with the Parents' Club, and we would like to ensure that every event is clearly budgeted for well in advance. To create a whole school budget for this, parents will be asked to make a recommended "donation" of 25 euros per student specifically for events (though parents are free to contribute more or less). The school will then match the total received. This will form our events budget (for the Christmas Show, Halloween, etc.).

We will continue to explore opportunities for sponsorship of events, as a means of raising more funds, and we will also be working with the Parents Club to plan various social and fund-raising events for future activities throughout the year. These are the events calendared for 2024/25:

- Halloween
- ·Christmas Show
- •Y6 Graduation
- Easter/Spring Event
- Children's Day
- ·School Play
- STEAM Fair
- International Day
- Portugal Day
- ·Last day of school



### **Food Policies**

#### No Nut Policy

As of September 2024, we are trying to be a nut free school. Please be mindful of this when sending in food with your child. We do have a number of students with severe nut allergies, and we want to ensure the safety of all of our students.

#### **Healthy Eating Options**

We would like to promote a healthy eating culture at school and we therefore encourage parents to provide a healthy lunch for their children, avoid junk food. While there are plenty of options out there, here is a link to some possible variations that may help parents.

https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/

#### School catering providers

The school has recruited a new catering service for the 2024/25 school year. As of September, there will not be an option to have food delivered to school (this includes having fast food and catering companies deliver). It is not permitted to bring in or order food during the school day from outside of the campus.

### **Institutional Documents**

On our website there are **different types of institutional documents available for consultation** throughout the year (Registration Documents & Conditions, School Policies, Curriculum, School Bus Information (routes, schedules, and stops will be updated in august) and more).



## We welcome our new families to Nobel Algarve on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August, from 10am-11.30am

All Parents & Students, Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> of September, from 9am to 4.30 pm

## **Primary Schedule**

Sessions for the **Primary section have been scheduled between 9am and 4.30pm,** and they will be held in the specific classrooms. We have staggered the day and allowed for passing time to allow for smooth transitions. I apologise to those parents with children in different classes and who may well have lengthy waiting periods between meetings. All students are required to be in their uniform.

All Parents & Students: Presentation		
Time	Year	
9am- 9.30pm	Nursery	
10am- 10.30pm	Reception	
11am- 11.30pm	Year 1	
12am- 12.30pm	Year 2	
1pm- 1.30pm	Year 3	
2pm- 2.30pm	Year 4	
3pm- 3.30pm	Year 5	
4pm- 4.30pm	Year 6	

### Secondary Schedule

All Secondary students and parents will meet in the Secondary Canteen at 9am

All Parents & Students: Presentation		
Time	Year	
9 am	Year 7, 8, 9	



#### Thursday, 5th September: All Students attend classes

There will be a special timetable for the day, but the start and end time will remain the same.

## Welcome Back Coffee Morning, on Friday, 6th of September starting at 9.15 am

The Head of School will be hosting a welcome back to school coffee morning for all parents on the first Friday, **September 6**<sup>th</sup> **at 9.15am.** This will give the opportunity for old parents to meet new ones.





### Shaping the world

