

Moving up to **Etone College**

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Etone College is a proud member of Matrix Academy Trust. Together we have a shared belief that no child should fail.

We work in partnership with the trust to provide support to a family of Matrix Academy Trust schools. Together we are committed to improving life chances of all pupils.

Further information about the Trust can be found on their website www.matrixacademytrust.co.uk

Welcome to Etone College

I truly believe that there has never been a better time to join Etone College. Our teachers are innovative, enthusiastic, committed and caring. They inspire the pupils of Etone College to be independent, inquisitive learners with aspirational goals. We set high expectations in all that we do and operate a "no excuses" culture.

In short, Etone College is a very special place where high expectations of pupils and staff underpin our traditional values. Children experience high quality teaching and we expect high standards of behaviour and attendance. Our ambition is to be outstanding in all that we do and to ensure that all pupils leave with employability skills and the opportunity to access higher/further education.

Mr I Smith, Head Teacher



Heads of Houses

If you have any worries on a day to day basis, you'll be able to talk to your form tutor who will work with your Head of House to help you resolve them.









When you start at Etone you will be placed into a 'house'. This will be like your family at school and your Head of House will keep an eye on all of your successes and any areas you might struggle with. They will contact home to discuss ways in which we can work together to ensure that you achieve your best.

Reception

Mrs Dyde works in Reception and she is the first point of contact for anybody who visits Etone College. She will answer the phone when your parents/carers call in and pass on any messages. She will collect any letters or reply slips for trips.

The medical room is situated in Reception where any regular medication will be stored and medical treatment will be administered by a qualified first aider should you need it.



What will I learn in Year 7?

You will study a varied and exciting curriculum.

All pupils will learn:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Geography
- History
- Modern Foreign Languages Music
- IT/Computer Science

- Technology & Food Technology
- PE
- Perform (Drama, Dance)
- Learning for Life
- Art

In addition to this, some pupils will have extra literacy, numeracy and spelling support.



What if I get lost?

Etone has a group of prefects in Year 11. These are senior pupils who will be able to help you out if you have a problem. You can recognise them all because they wear a black tie, which has the school badge on it.

You will have two prefects attached to your tutor group and they will act as your guide during induction day and on your first day at Etone in September.

During the Autumn term your form prefects will help you to settle in and remind you of where you need to go for your lessons. If you see any prefects around school they'll be able to offer you support, should you ever need help with anything.



How will I find my way around?

Many new pupils worry that they will get lost at secondary school. However, it is very easy to find your way around Etone, as each block has a different name. The different blocks are; the Creative Zone, the Inquire Zone, the Perform Zone and the Express Building.

Every classroom door has a letter and number on it, which tells you what block the room is in. For example, room E0-4 is located in the Express Building and room C0-2 is located in the Creative Zone.



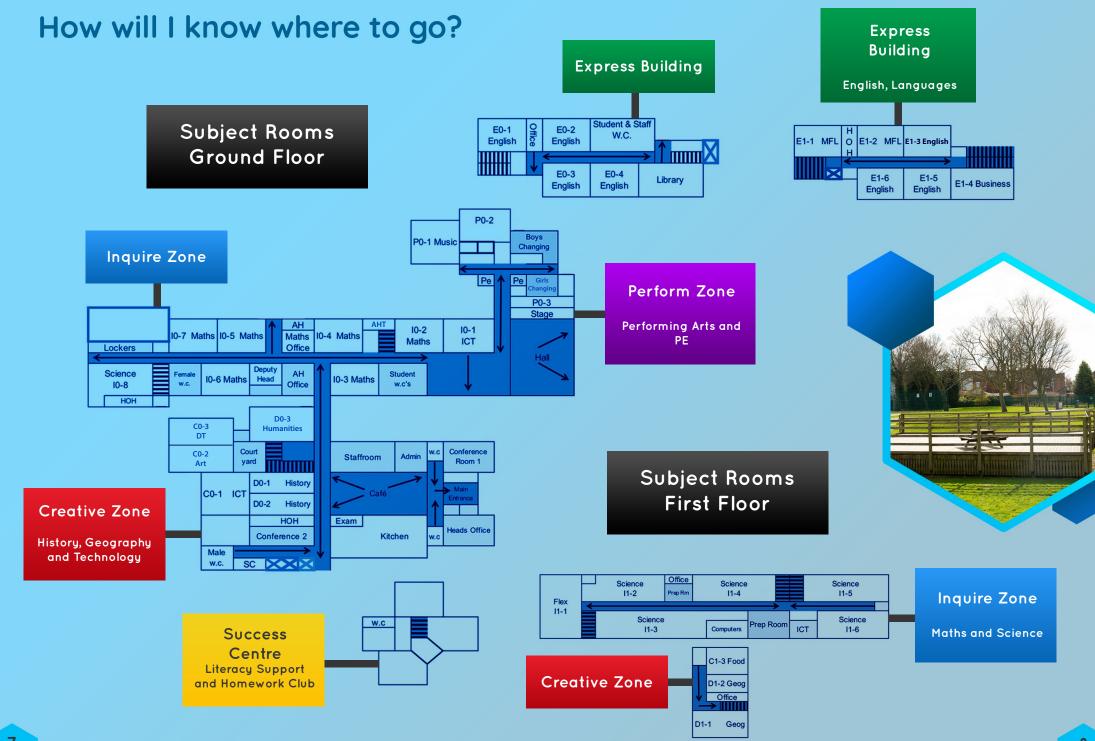


If the door number starts with a '0' it is a ground floor room.

If the door number starts with a '1' it is a first floor room.

The final number on the label indicates what specific room it is.

Your individual timetables will show you which room you need to go to for each lesson and on your first day your form tutor will take you on a tour of the school so you know where to find each room.



What happens at break?

At College you will have a 20 minute break in the morning from 11:10-11:30am. There is no afternoon break.



If you want to buy food you can purchase and eat it in the **café**.



You can play football on the **astro turf** or on the **tennis courts**. Each year group is allocated a day to use the astro so you can organise games with other people in your year group.



You can eat your own food in the **canopy** area, but you should not eat anywhere else in the playgrounds or corridors.



You can socialise with friends on the **decking** or on the **grass**.



If you want to read quietly or do some homework you can go to the **library**. The library is also open before school from 8:30am and at the end of the day until 4:30pm Monday to Thursday and 4:00pm every

What happens at lunch?

If you have hot dinners you can buy hot food and eat it in the cafe (hot food must only be eaten in the café).

If you bring a packed lunch or buy cold food from the café you can eat it in the main hall.

All of Year 7 have lunch at the same time so you will be able to see your friends. If you want to buy a cooked meal you can buy this from the Cafe. Meal Deals typically cost £2.00 and include a drink. You will need money on your Wisepay account to purchase food from our Café.



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Mobile Phones

Etone College is a NO MOBILE PHONE SITE for Years 7-11

This also includes any other mobile or electronic devices such as tablets and digital cameras. These devices can lead to safeguarding, child protection, bullying or data protection issues with regard to inappropriate capture or distribution of images of pupils and/or staff. We do not take any responsibility for electronic items brought onto school site.

Should a mobile phone/device be heard or seen, it will be confiscated for collection by the pupil at the end of the day. Should a mobile phone or device be confiscated three times, parents/carers will be contacted to arrange collection. Should this be repeated, the phone/device will be confiscated and kept securely for one week. Please support us in safeguarding our pupils.



Can I go to the toilet during lessons?

You can normally only go to the toilet at break and lunch. However, if you have a toilet pass for medical reasons you will be allowed to go during lesson time.





Can I ride my bike to school?

Yes - you can come to school on your bike.

Our secure bike store is at the front of school opposite the car park. You'll be able to lock your bike there on the way in to school and collect it at the end of the day. The gate is locked between 9.10am and 3.00pm.



School Times

You will have 5 lessons each day. You don't need to bring your books for every subject every day, you should use your timetable to see which books you need.

It's also a good idea to carry a plastic wallet/folder where you can keep all of your homework sheets to help ensure you have them with you ready for the due date.

8:50-9:10am / Morning Registration

This will include one assembly each week, DEAR (Drop Everything and Read), literacy and numeracy activities and tasks such as planner signing, equipment checks and rewards.

9:10-10:10am / Lesson 1 10:10-11:10am / Lesson 2 11:10-11:30am / Break 11:30am-12:30pm / Lesson 3 12:30-2:00pm / Lesson 4

In the middle of Lesson 4, from 1:00-1:30pm, you will have your lunch break. Many pupils use this time to work together on homework, to chat or even to play card games or read a book.

2:00-3:00pm / Lesson 5 3:00-4:00pm / Extra-curricular Clubs & Catch Up

Etone offers a range of extra-curricular clubs. None of these will start in the first week of term, but from the second week you can join many clubs such as sporting clubs, choir, coding club, STEM club or you can just choose to work in the library after school with your friends.

Planners



On your first day at Etone you will be issued with a planner.

You will use this to:

- Record a copy of your personal timetable.
- Make of note of homework that is set and when it's due.
- Show your parents/carers what work is being set and pass messages to your form tutor.
- Your parents/carers will sign your planner every week to show that they have seen all of your homework and to confirm that you have passed on any messages.
- Record any detentions that might be set.

You will also be able to collect commendations in your planner to earn rewards. Teachers will issue you with a red sticker when you have worked really hard or when you have produced an excellent piece of work.

Members of Leadership will give out silver commendations and Mr Smith, the school's Head Teacher, will give out gold stickers. As soon as you have filled a page you can take your planner to your Head of House who will give you the reward certificate. At each level you'll also be able to claim a reward pin to wear on your blazer.

Uniform Expectations

Our uniform consists of:

- Black blazer with college badge
- White shirt
- College tie
- Black college trousers (not skinny fit or 'drainpipe' style)
- Black skirt (knee length)
- Black tights (not patterned)
- Black college shoes (no pumps or trainers)
- College bag big enough to fit an A4 file
- Plain black or navy blue coat



Our PE kit consists of:

- Polo shirt
- Shorts
- Leggings
- Fleece
- Rugby top
- Socks



All pupils are expected to wear full college uniform at all times and their appearance should be appropriate to a working environment. Shirts must be tucked in, top buttons fastened and ties tied so that 6 stripes are visible underneath the knot.

Hoodies or tracksuit tops are not permitted and will be confiscated. Coats are not to be worn around the building.

Our uniform and PE kit is stocked by The Schoolwear Centre in Nuneaton or Matchfit Kit in Weddington.

Jewellery

Pupils are permitted to wear a wristwatch and one pair of plain gold or silver studs in the lower earlobe. Piercings must be taken out prior to all PE lessons and sporting activities.

Any other jewellery worn will be confiscated and placed into the college safe for collection at the end of the day. Should there be a third occasion of confiscation, parents and carers are invited into college to collect their child's jewellery.

Make-up

Make-up in Years 7 and 8 is not allowed.

Make-up in Years 9, 10 and 11 is to be discreet and natural looking if it is to be worn at all. False eyelashes are not permitted, nor are fake tans.

Nail varnish is not to be worn and false nails are also not allowed.

In the event of a make-up infringement, pupils will be asked to remove their make-up and or nail varnish in house office. The Head Teacher's decision with regards to uniform (including hairstyles, make-up, nail varnish and jewellery) is final.







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