



Moving up to
Eton 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

“We offer caring pastoral guidance where pupils are well supported in and out of lessons. As a result, our “students say that they feel safe in the academy and are taught well about how to keep themselves safe”.



Who will look after me?

Mrs K Smith, SENDCo

Mrs Smith will:

- Organise any support that you might need in lessons.
- Co-ordinate extra literacy and spelling lessons if you struggle in these areas.
- Help to ensure that you stay on track in all of your subjects.
- Meet with parents/carers for any review meetings.
- Organise extra transition events (where necessary) to help you feel confident about your move to secondary school.
- Speak to or meet your teachers at primary school to find out how we can support you most effectively.

“We understand that moving to secondary school can be quite daunting. We will help you to settle in and be confident about the transition.”



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.



Centaur



Phoenix



Griffin



Dragon

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.

Teaching Assistants

During your transition, and in many of your lessons afterwards, our team of Teaching Assistants will be available to support you with your academic progress.



Mrs Gayton



Mrs Chaudry

In addition to this, Etone's Learning Support team will:

- Run Breakfast Club in the café from 8:30am.
- Run extra reading and spelling sessions.
- Manage Homework Club in the Success Centre if you need help with homework from 3:00-3:30pm Monday to Friday.

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
- IT/Computer Science
- Technology & Food Technology
- PE
- Perform (Drama, Dance)
- Learning for Life
- Art
- Music

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



What if I get lost?

Etone has a group of 40 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.

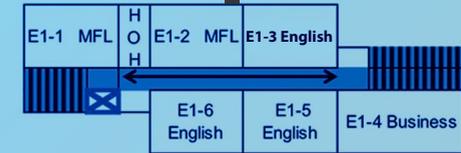
How will I know where to go?

Subject Rooms Ground Floor

Express Building

Express Building

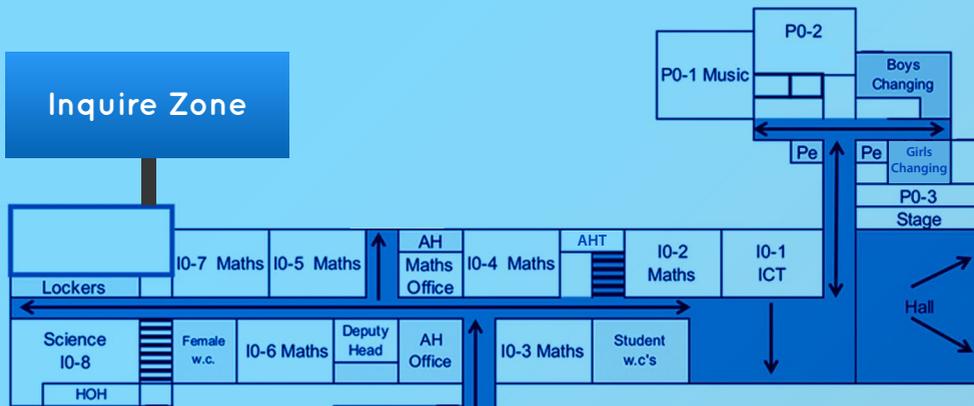
English, Languages



Inquire Zone

Perform Zone

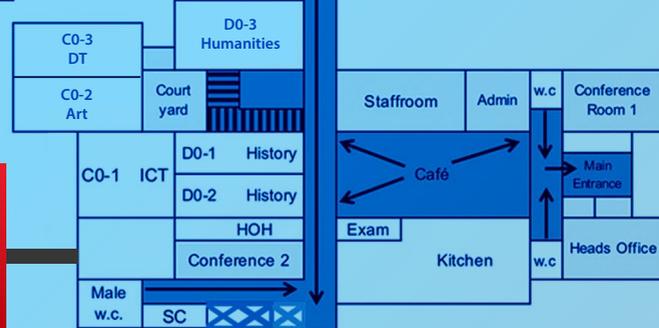
Performing Arts and PE



Creative Zone

History, Geography and Technology

Subject Rooms First Floor



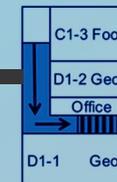
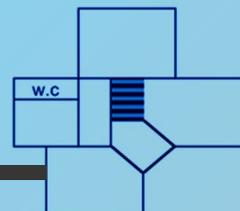
Inquire Zone

Maths and Science



Creative Zone

Success Centre
Literacy Support and Homework Club



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 Friday.

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). You will need to put money onto your account first by using one of the fingerprint machines.



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 will have lunch at the same time so you will be able to meet up with your friends. Members of Leadership are on duty every day to keep an eye on you.

Lunch Club

In the first term, Lunch Club runs every lunch time for a small number of Year 7 pupils.

At Lunch Club you eat in a smaller venue and have the opportunity to meet new friends and play board games together. As the year progresses, pupils are integrated back into the main lunch venues in order to build independence and confidence ready for Year 8.

Attendance is by invitation only.



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 sheds are 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

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 is stocked by Schoolwear Solutions at their Schoolwear Centre store (1-3 Abbeygate Street, Nuneaton, CV11 4EJ) and by Matchfit Kit on the Weddington Road in Nuneaton. Our PE kit is stocked by Sporting Touch in Nuneaton (Unit 12 Alliance Close, Nuneaton, CV11 6SD).

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.

House Sport



Performing Arts Shows



Field Trips



University Trips

Activities Week



Choir Events



World Book Day

Charity Events



Roald Dahl Day

DEAR Assemblies



Public Speaking Events



Duke of Edinburgh



Careers Fairs



Sports Clubs



Progress Praise Assemblies



What else can I expect at Etone?



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