



LAURUS RYECROFT

Hi there, Jessica, Eva, Drew, Summer, Isla, Liam, Molly, Aariz, Olivia and Charlie.

Thank you so much for your questions. I have replied to them in this power point for you. I am really looking forward to meeting you all in September.

If you speak to Ebony, Bobby-Lee, Samuel, Milly, Evie, Grace, Gracie-Mae, Laaibah, Leah, Ayaan, Yash, Yusuf, Alice, Olivia who are also joining us in September, why don't you pass this information on to them as well?



Mrs Shelley

House System



MAGNUS



CITIUS



ALTIUS



FORTIUS

House System

- How do you decide which house we will go in to? Is it through a competition?
- Will we be in the same house as our siblings who are already at the school?
- As you are randomly assigned?

The house system runs through everything we do at Laurus Ryecroft. You have already been assigned a house and you should be receiving a postcard through the post notifying you of this very soon. You can get house points through lessons, sport and charity events. There are certificates for those who get the most house points and there's even a house cup for the winning house.

Each form group have been assigned a house, so you will be in the same house as everyone else in your form. So you may or may not be in the same house as your siblings, depending on what house their form have been assigned. If you are in different houses to your siblings and friends, this should encourage you to do your very best to ensure that you contribute to your house winning that end of year cup! Good luck!

PS. I am in Altius house!!

Introduction

Will there be a day before we begin our lessons that we will be able to have a tour of the school and get to know our teachers and the building?

Your first day in school, (COVID-19 depending), will be Wednesday 2nd September. This day is a special day for year seven, as you will be the only year group in. On this day you will have a tour of the building and you will meet your form tutor, myself and other members of staff as well as having some lessons. We are really looking forward to meeting you all.

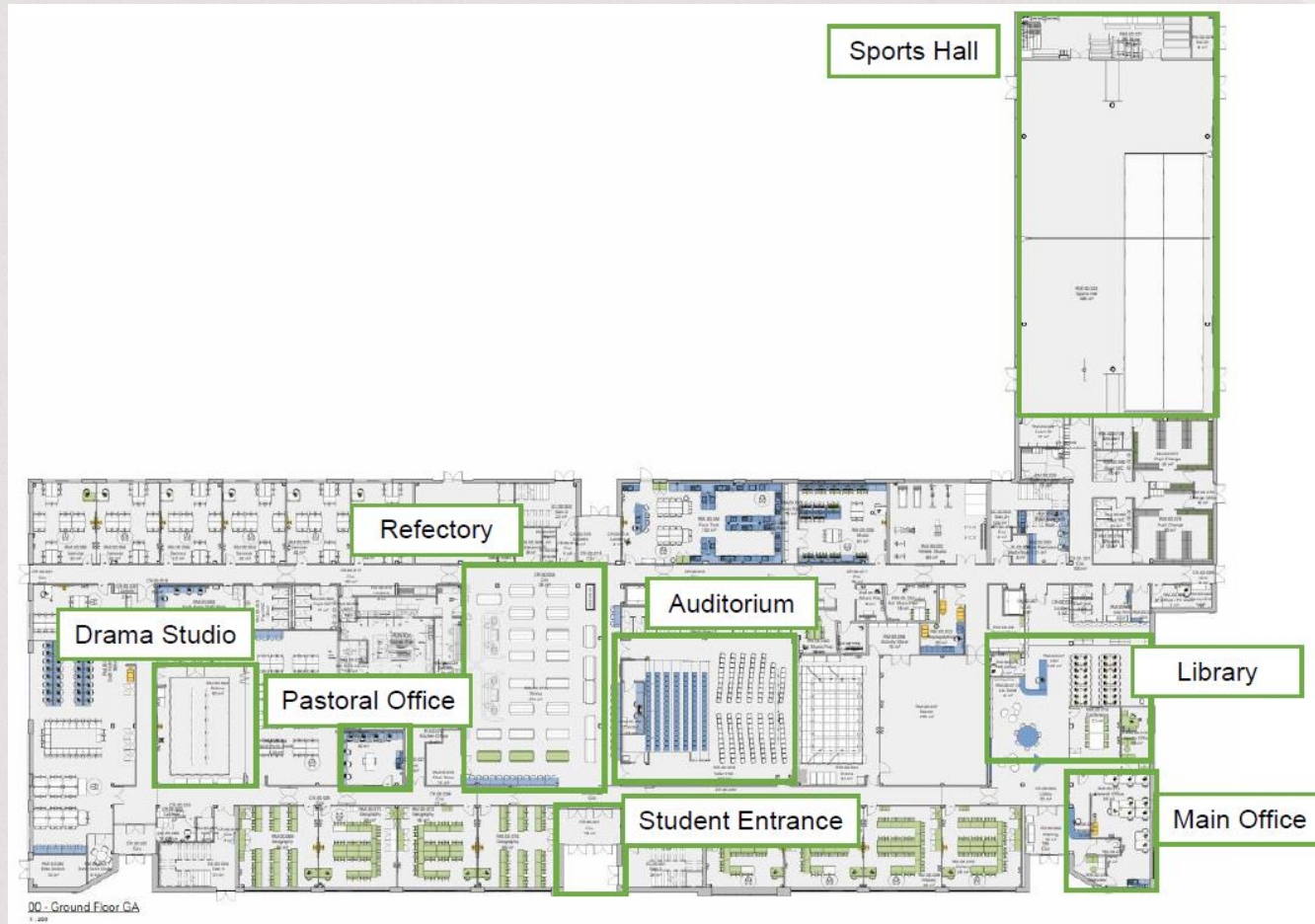
How will our forms be selected? Will we be with our friends?

When Mr Carling, Miss Alexander and myself spoke with your class teachers, we asked lots of questions about you, including what your hobbies, likes and dislikes were. I then used this information when building your form groups, to best match you with other students from different schools, to help you build new friendships when you join us. But don't worry we have made sure that you are also in a form group with at least one other student from your primary school. You will have some lessons with your form group, and other lessons like Maths, English, Science and Spanish in different sets, so you may see other old friends in these lessons, and you will also have the opportunity to make even more new friends, as that is a big part of starting high school.

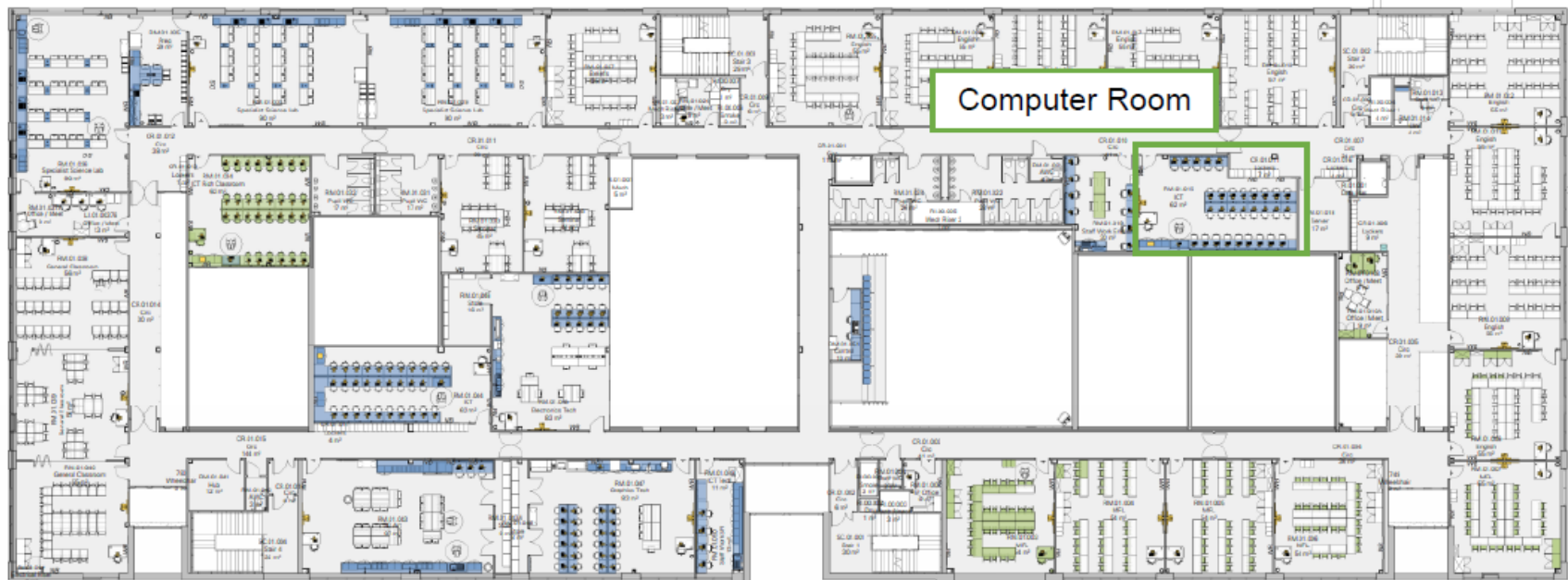
Do we get a map of the school layout? (I am worried about getting lost)

Please do not be worried about getting lost in our school. Although it seems very big, it is essentially just a big rectangle on three floors. You will definitely receive a map to help you find your way around at the beginning of term. However for now, if you look at the "smart moves, moving on up to high school" booklet that you should have been sent, there is a map in there for you to have a look at.

Ground floor

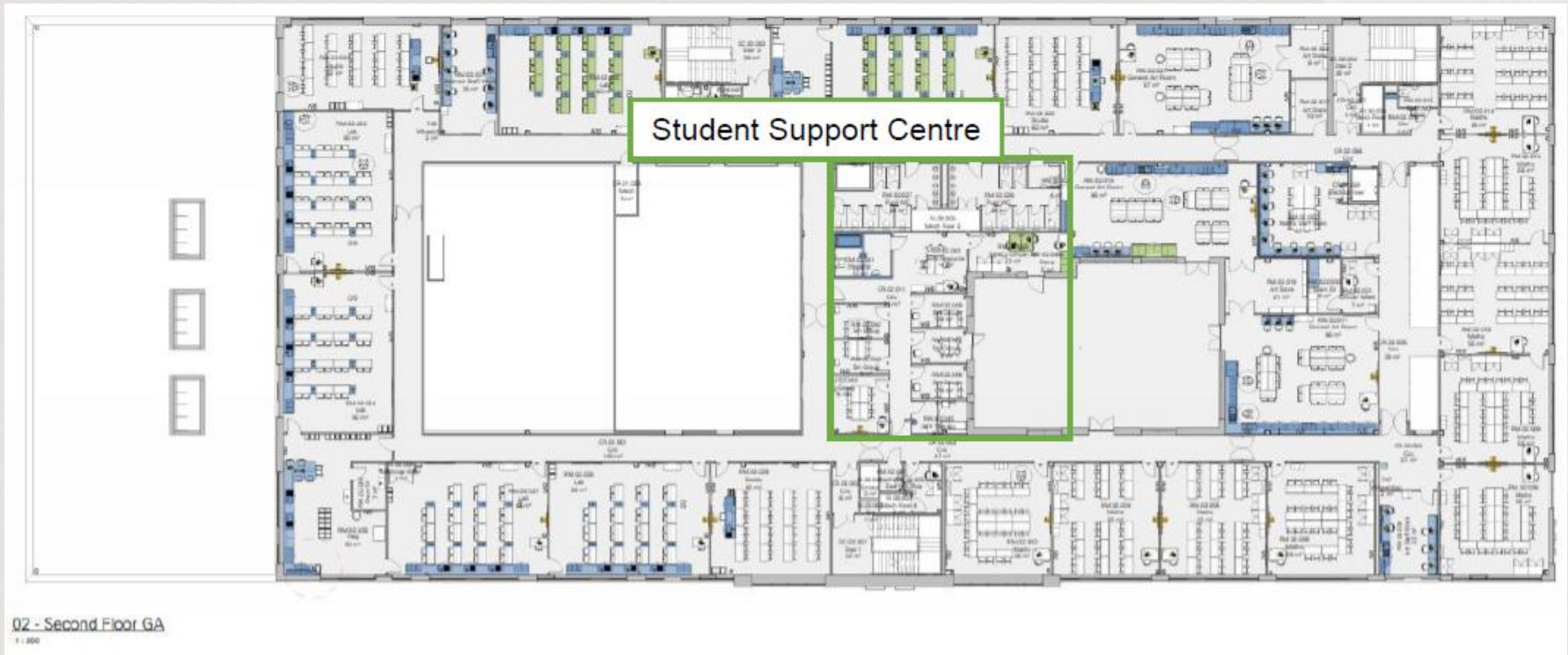


First floor



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Second floor



Uniform

At Laurus Ryecroft we have very high expectations when it comes to uniform. It is expected that you wear full uniform every day. It may be that if you are not in correct uniform, you will spend the day in isolation or even be sent home to re dress in the correct uniform. But please do not worry, I am confident that you will all love being dressed in your new school uniform, as this will give you a sense of belonging at Laurus Ryecroft and also help you to feel more grown up now that you will be a high school student. If you have any worries about your uniform, you can contact me.



Uniform

Do we have to wear our blazers every day?

Yes. We expect to see you in your blazer on arrival to school, however within lessons, you can ask to take this off, before replacing it to go to your next lesson.

Do we have to wear our hair up every day?

No, you can wear your hair down, however you will need to tie it up for PE and other practical lessons or where other health and safety measures require it to be tied up. Your hair must be neat and hair colour and style must be appropriate for school, which means no shaved heads (minimum number 2), no patterns in the hair or radical hair colour.

Do we have to wear our jumper under our blazer all the time?

Yes. We expect to see you wearing your jumper under your blazer on arrival to school, however again, within lessons, you can ask to remove this, before replacing it to go to your next lesson.

Do we carry our school bags with us at all times or do we have a locker?

You will be assigned a locker when you join Laurus Ryecroft, further information will be provided in September regarding your locker, and how you should use it.

Uniform Requirements from September 2020

- Black, suit jacket with Laurus Ryecroft logo
- White shirt, long or short sleeved, with pointed collar. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- School tie
- Plain black pullover or plain black cardigan
- Plain black shoes. Trainers and boots are not acceptable, nor is canvas footwear.
- Black trousers or black pleated skirt (no shorter than 3 inches above the knee)
- Trousers and shoes must be practical and formal, not fashion items. Trousers must be tailored; neither tight nor baggy; nor excessively flared; not denim or corduroy
- Black socks, black or neutral tights must be worn
- Hijabs must be plain black or plain white
- House T-shirt – will be purchased from the school (details to follow)



Black PE Kit from September 2020

- Black polo shirt – embroidered school crest
- Black shorts or skirt
- Black sports socks or white ankle/trainer socks
- Training shoes – pumps/Vans/Converse footwear will not be allowed for PE lessons
- Plastic or rubber studded football boots
- Shin pads for football/hockey
- A mouth guard is recommended for Hockey
- LR games jersey (optional)
- Black tracksuit bottoms (optional)
- Black fitness leggings (optional)

Head of year

Is there a head of every year or just Year Seven

There are three head of years at Laurus Ryecroft at the moment, I (Mrs Shelley) will be your head of year, Miss Ingham will be the head of year 8 and Miss Pryce will be the head of year 9. I will be head of year as you move up year groups. This is very exciting. I am excited to follow you on your journey through the school and provide you with any help and support you may need. Miss Pryce, Miss Ingham and I all share the same office (which is down the corridor from the refectory on the bottom floor). If I am ever unavailable, Miss Pryce and Miss Ingham will also be able to support you.



Mrs Shelley



Miss Ingham



Miss Pryce

Is there a head boy and a head girl?

No, not at the moment, however once we have a year 11 year group, we will do. Once you join in September we will have a year 7, 8 and 9 as we are a relatively new school.

Do you have a school council/eco council/sports council?

We have a school council, which is one of our elective options. You will be given further information about this in September. You may wish to talk with your form tutors, subject leaders or myself in regard to the possibility of creating these additional councils once you join us in September.

Electives

- How many electives do you have to do / can you do?
- Do you have a list of them we could look at?
- Are the electives split into year groups or is it the whole school in the elective groups?

We have over fifty electives which you can join after school, on Wednesday afternoons and lunchtimes. You are expected to join at least two. We encourage you to be adventurous in your electives choices, and take on fresh challenges each term by trying something new. By the end of the year, we hope you will have pushed yourself out of your comfort zone. Some electives are delivered in year groups and some are mixed year groups. The 2020/2021 elective programme is still being finalised, however I have provided an example of the electives which will be available to you.

Electives

Academic Aspiration

- Electronics
- Robotics
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Economics
- Ancient & Foreign languages
- Music production
- Computer programming
- Extended Maths, Science & English
- Additional interventions

Competition & Physical Endeavour

- Taekwondo
- Basketball
- Football
- Athletics
- Hockey
- Racket sports
- Table tennis
- Cricket
- Rugby sevens
- Chess
- Rowing
- Fitness & weight training
- Yoga
- Fencing
- BMX

Leadership & Service

- Duke of Edinburgh
- First aid
- Local volunteering
- Mentoring of younger students
- Fit for reading
- Fit for figures
- House positions of responsibility
- Prefects
- Local conservation projects
- Student Ambassadors

Culture, Creativity & Rhetoric

- Political studies
- Cultural anthropology
- Mythology
- World music
- Astronomy & Cosmology
- Choir
- World literature
- 3D art
- Contemporary literature
- Culinary arts
- Music tuition
- Film production
- Dance
- Drama
- Oracy & Rhetoric
- Public speaking
- Debating



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See you all in September

Have a great summer