

Frequently Asked Questions



What will I study?



Students in Year 7 study a broad, balanced and challenging curriculum which provides every student with the knowledge and understanding required to progress to Key Stage 4 and to choose some of the specialist subjects that they want to study to GCSE level. All Year 7 students study English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, RE, French or German, Computing, PSHCE, P.E, Art, Drama, Music and Design Technology, (including Food).



What are the teachers like?



Our teachers are specialists in the subject areas that they teach. All of our staff share the academy ethos of ***Believe. Achieve. Succeed.*** We want our students to be the best that they can be and achieve great things. Our teachers aim to make all learning interesting and relevant whilst prompting a culture of mutual respect.



Who will support my child at school?



- We have a strong pastoral team who will deal with any issues (big or small) that your child may have.
- Your child's first point of contact is the form tutor. Your child will have a form tutor whom they will see every morning. Tutors get to know your child very well and are equipped to offer support in a number of areas.
- Your child can talk to any member of staff if they need help, who will assist or pass the matter to the correct member of staff.



Where can I buy my uniform?



- Uniform is available from Steady School Wear.
- You will get more information about uniform when a place has been allocated to your child.



How do I apply for a place at the school?



- You should have received a letter from your local authority explaining what to do next
- You can also go to the government website:
www.gov.uk/apply-for-secondary-school-place



What about extra-curricular activities?



In a normal school year, Cottingham High School provides a wide range of extra-curricular activities for students to take part in. There are sports clubs for boys and girls covering all mainstream sports. Creative and performing arts offer Drama and Music clubs which are well attended and lead to an annual production. We also have a STEM Club which is well attended where students can explore, Science, Technology and Maths.



What if my child feels ill at school?



- Your child should report that they feel ill to their teacher who will then call for First Aid to come and see them.
- Students who require regular medication will have a medical needs plan created in conjunction with parents/carers and medical professionals.



Will Year 7 have any time in the school before all the school starts in September?



- We have an extensive transition programme for children from our feeder schools during Year 6.
- All children who gain a place at Cottingham High School will be invited to a one-week induction programme before the summer break.
- The first day back in September is for Year 7 and Year 12 students only, allowing students to settle into their new surroundings.



What if my child has Special Educational Needs?



- We have a Special Educational Needs Coordinator who works very closely with the Head of Year 7 to decide on appropriate support and intervention.
- This is done by using information from primary schools, other professionals/external agencies and our own baseline testing.



Can mobile phones be used at school?



- We allow children to bring mobile phones to school but they can only be used at the following times:
 - Before school – they must be put away before attending tutor time
 - At break – they must be put away before going to the next lesson
 - At lunch – they must be put away when going to the next lesson
 - After school when students have left their P5.

