

The A-Z of The Arthur Terry School

Welcome to The Arthur Terry School!

This is an exciting time for you, your parents/carers and for us as a school. It is the beginning of a partnership between us all.

You may have questions about the everyday life of your new school or, as a parent/carer, about how you can best support your child over the coming weeks and months. This A-Z of The Arthur Terry School is a guide to hopefully answer some questions that you may have!



Assemblies – Normally once a week with a different focus each time, they take place with the whole year group usually and you sit in your tutor groups in the assembly hall.

Attendance – very important as any missed time means missed learning. We expect your attendance to be above 96% and can offer support to improve attendance.



Break times – 20 minutes every day from 11:10am to 11:30am, with a movement bell at 11:25am, giving you an indication of when you need to start heading to your next lesson.



Careers – Visit our careers office for support and advice. Mrs Clayton is on hand to support with this. Mr Zarifeh also runs various career days throughout the year where you can speak to different employers in areas that may interest you.

Catering – The snack shack is available throughout break and lunch if you don't bring a packed lunch. You can also go to the canteen at lunchtime to sit down and eat. One-year group is allowed in the canteen for food at a time and you will be called to join the queuing system.

Charity – This is a big focus at Arthur Terry. We raise money for various charities throughout the year, through charity events and non-uniform days.

Curriculum – lots of different subjects to start with to help you decide what you really want to do for your GCSEs and further, so take part and enjoy them all. In year 7 you will study Art & Design, Design Technology, Computing, Drama, English, Food Preparation & Nutrition, Geography, History, IBEC, Maths, Music, PE, PSHCE, Science and Spanish or French.



Detentions – hopefully this will not happen, but detentions are sat on the day you receive them. 30 minutes after school in the dining hall. They are also recorded on your Go4Schools and will result in 2 negative behaviour points.

Discipline – we have high expectations of all our students, but we do have a behaviour system in place to offer praise, rewards and challenge poor behaviour.



Equipment – make sure that you bring the correct equipment each day for all your subjects. You must have a black or blue pen, a green pen, pencil, rubber, ruler, calculator and protractor and glue stick. Also, remember your PE kit for the days that you have PE.

Extra-Curricular – all enrichment activities can be found on the school website. Keep your eyes out as different clubs and activities come up each half term. Clubs include Alternative Sports, Retro Gaming, Board games, Anime, STEM, Handball, Football and many more.



Fingerprint – on your first day we will set you up with an account to pay for food and drinks in school. Your parents/carers can add additional money on parent pay. You do not need to bring money into school.

Form groups – There are nine tutor groups in each year group, with an A and B half in each year group.

Friends for life – you will stay in your tutor group until the end of year 11 so please treat everyone nicely and with respect.



Growth Mindset - challenge yourself to meet new people and try new things. It is the only way we learn.

GO4SCH00LS - A system that students, parents and teachers use to track praise and behaviour, homework, timetable, progress and reports. You can log in from home on the computer or your phone. Our ICT Staff will go through how to do this with you in the first couple of days here at the school.



Holidays - Same as primary school so do not worry.

Home Learning - Student, parents and teachers all use GO4SCH00LS for homework activities and instructions. Each subject is expected to set homework each week, however this will be in small, manageable chunks.



Instrumental Tuition - for those that play an instrument or wish to play, you may be able to have small group sessions over the term at a reasonable cost. Speak to your music teacher about further support and tuition.

ICT - emails and Go4SCH00LS play a big part in student and teacher communication so please ask your form tutor if you need further support. Your ICT teacher will go through all these systems with you in your lessons.

Interests - we cover a wide variety of hobbies and interests at Arthur Terry so please ask your tutor what is available when you first meet in year 7.



Junior school - You will have a day to yourself at the start of year 7 to help with getting to know the layout of the school, how break and lunch works as well as meet all your new teachers and most importantly your tutor who you will see every day.



Knowledge – Remember to recap your learning from previous lessons and asks plenty of questions. Subjects will provide knowledge organisers to help you with your learning. Do what you can in your own time to develop your knowledge and understanding in your subject areas.

Key stage 3 – Towards the end of half term, there is a settling in evening with your parents/carer and tutor. It is a chance for your tutor to get to know you further and see how you are doing. A date will be announced in September.



Learning – Earn praise points by being an Arthur Terry learner and focusing on our 4 core strands:

Resilience

Active learning

Meta-cognition

Preparation



Medical Room - not feeling well? Ask your teacher if you can see the school first aiders and with their permission, head down to reception with a friend.

Mindfulness - be mindful of everyone around you. Everybody is different so be friendly and supportive. You will do lots of tutor activities on this.



Noticeboards - check you tutor notice board for any weekly activities and challenges in terms of charity and praise.



One-way system - always walk down corridors on the left-hand side to prevent any traffic jams. Year 7 are not allowed on the top balcony unless it is to visit the Year 7 office. Your tutor will walk and talk you through this on your first day.



Parentpay - this is for your parents/carers to pay for your lunches in school. School trips will also be paid for using this system. Please do not bring in money to school.

Pastoral Support - If you have any questions or problems please use your Tutor for support. If you cannot find your Tutor, then please visit your Progress Leader. You will meet these members of staff on your first day so do not worry about that over the summer.

Planners - if you use a planner or diary, you will have to buy one yourself and bring it into school. Do not forget we use Go4SCHOOLS; this will help to keep you organised.

Praise points - It is a fantastic achievement to get a praise point so save them up and buy something from our praise shop. The more points you get the more you have available to spend. Praise points also count towards the total for your house!

Pupil Voice - Your views and opinions matter, so please speak up. We have questionnaires and a student voice committee to make your school experience enjoyable!



Questions - you are encouraged to ask questions to improve your learning.



Reports - one interim report and one full report every year. This will be on Go4SCHOOLS for you and your parents/carers to look at.

Respect - please and thank you, opening doors. It's the little things that make your school experience more enjoyable.

Reading and Relaxation - once a week we dedicate a tutor session to read something that we enjoy or are interested in.



School day

- Registration - 8:50am to 9:10am
- Period 1 - 9:10am to 10:10am
- Period 2 - 10:10am to 11:10am
- Break - 11:10am to 11:30am
- Period 3 - 11:30am to 12:30pm
- Lunch - 12:30pm to 1:05pm
- Period 4 - 1:05pm to 2:05pm
- Period 5 - 2:05 to 3:05pm End of day

Senior Leadership Team (SLT) - each year group has two members of the Senior Leadership Team who are there to support you to achieve your best at Arthur Terry.

Sports - we compete across Birmingham in a wide range of sports such as cricket, football, handball, netball, rounders. Ask your PE teachers for more details on clubs and teams!

Sports Day - ATLP sports event held during the summer term. Schools from across the partnership join up for this big event. This will hopefully resume in 2022!

STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. STEM club is a weekly club after school where you can do cool experiments that you may not have the chance to do in normal lessons.

Student Support Services (SSS) - if anything is bothering you or you have had problems during the school day, please visit SSS in A2 for support. Please remember that they are

available throughout the day so please don't go during your lesson unless your teacher has given you permission.



Teams - You will be taught how to use Microsoft Teams. This will be where lesson resources will be uploaded and in the event of school closure, you may use Microsoft Teams for live lessons. It's easy to use and a good way for your teachers to share messages with their teaching groups.

Time or Timings - see above regarding the school day. Please do not be late for any of your lessons or for registration as this will impact on your learning and will lead to a detention.

Transition - do not be afraid about the change in schools. You will meet new friends and we are looking forward to having you at The Arthur Terry School. There are over 250 new starters in Y7, you are not alone!

Trips - regular trips and events are organised by staff so please keep an eye out on the school website for these. Parent Pay will be used to pay for these.



Uniform - Clive Mark is the main supplier of our school uniform. Please check the school website for links and guidance on uniform, especially with your school shoes. You will also need to ensure you get the correct colour Tie for year 7.



Values - focus on being an Arthur Terry learner and look out and support your peers and classmates.

Views - Assemblies and tutor activities cover a lot of different topic areas. This helps develop our awareness of the world around us, so be open about your views and opinions on things like charity, LGBTQ+, government, world book day, earth day, careers and many others.



Worries – You, like every other student starting Year 7 at Arthur Terry may have some worries. This is perfectly normal. But once you start, hopefully all these worries will disappear.



Xylophones – we struggled here! But I'm sure we have some in the music cupboard.



Young Wellbeing Leaders – be an ambassador for your tutor group and run an activity that supports the wellbeing of your tutor group and teacher. Lead a yoga session or a quiz; that would be a great start to the day.



Zero Tolerance – we are sure you will be pleased to know that poor behaviour and disrespect of fellow students and staff will not be tolerated. We all want everyone to be able to learn and grow in an atmosphere of mutual respect.