



Welcome to Cults Academy

Primary 7 to Secondary 1 Transition

3rd June 2024



Our Shared Vision & Values for Cults Academy

YOUNG PEOPLE AT THE
HEART 
OF ALL THAT WE DO

At the H E A R T:

- ⊙ HAPPINESS, HEALTH & SUSTAINABILITY
- ⊙ EXCELLENCE
- ⊙ ACHIEVEMENT
- ⊙ RIGHTS RESPECTING
- ⊙ TEAMWORK & RELATIONSHIPS

We value:

- ♥ RESPECT
- ♥ KINDNESS
- ♥ RESILIENCE
- ♥ FAIRNESS
- ♥ RESPONSIBILITY

We aim for all pupils to feel valued in an environment that gives them the opportunity to become successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors to society.

Mr Allan
Head Teacher Cults Academy



About this session

- **What is the P7 to S1 transition?**
- **How the academy operates**
 - The year groups
 - The subjects
 - Classes
- **How will my young person be supported?**
- **Home-school communication**

Ms Stanton

Depute Head Teacher, Cults Academy



About the S1 year group

We have a total of 240 pupils in S1 from August

- Cults
- Culter
- Milltimber
- Lairhillock
- Airyhall
- Hazlehead
- Camphill
- Albyn
- Mile end
- St Joseph's
- ISA
- Drumoak
- Banchory-Devenick
- Broomhill



Our School

S1	Broad General Education
S2	
S3	8 x National Courses
S4	
S5	5 National, Higher or other SCQF courses
S6	3-5 National, Higher, Advanced Higher or other SCQF courses



School Day

08.30 – 08.42	TUTORIAL	12 Minutes
08.42 – 09.35	Period 1	53 Minutes
09.35 – 10.28	Period 2	53 Minutes
10.28 – 10.48	INTERVAL	20 Minutes
10.48 – 11.41	Period 3	53 Minutes
11.41 – 12.34	Period 4	53 Minutes
12.34 – 13.24	LUNCH	50 Minutes
13.24 – 14.17	Period 5	53 Minutes
14.17 – 15.10	Period 6	53 Minutes



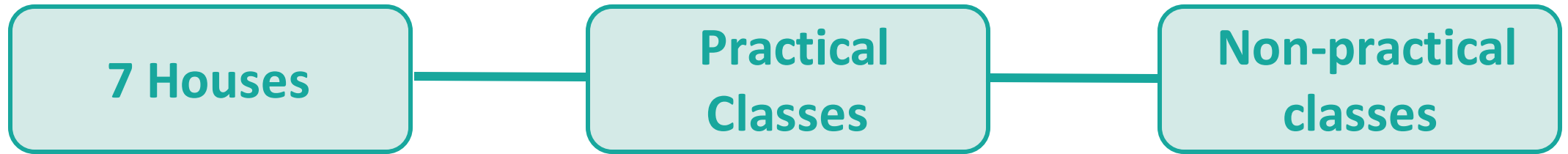
S1 subjects

30 periods per week:

S1	LANGUAGES	LANGUAGES	MATHEMATICS	SOCIAL SUBJECTS	SCIENCE
	English (4)	French (2) Spanish (1)	Mathematics (4)	Integrated Course (3)	Integrated Course (3)
	EXPRESSIVE ARTS	HEALTH & WELLBEING	TECHNOLOGIES	RMPS	PERSONAL SUPPORT
	Art (1) Music (1) Drama(1)	PE (2) HE (2) PSE (1)	D&T (1) Technologies (2)	RME (1)	PLP (1)



S1 classes



- Sibling at Cults Academy
- Each class is a mixed ability class
- Each class should have a mix of boys/girls
- Each class should have a mix of schools
- Wellbeing/additional support considerations

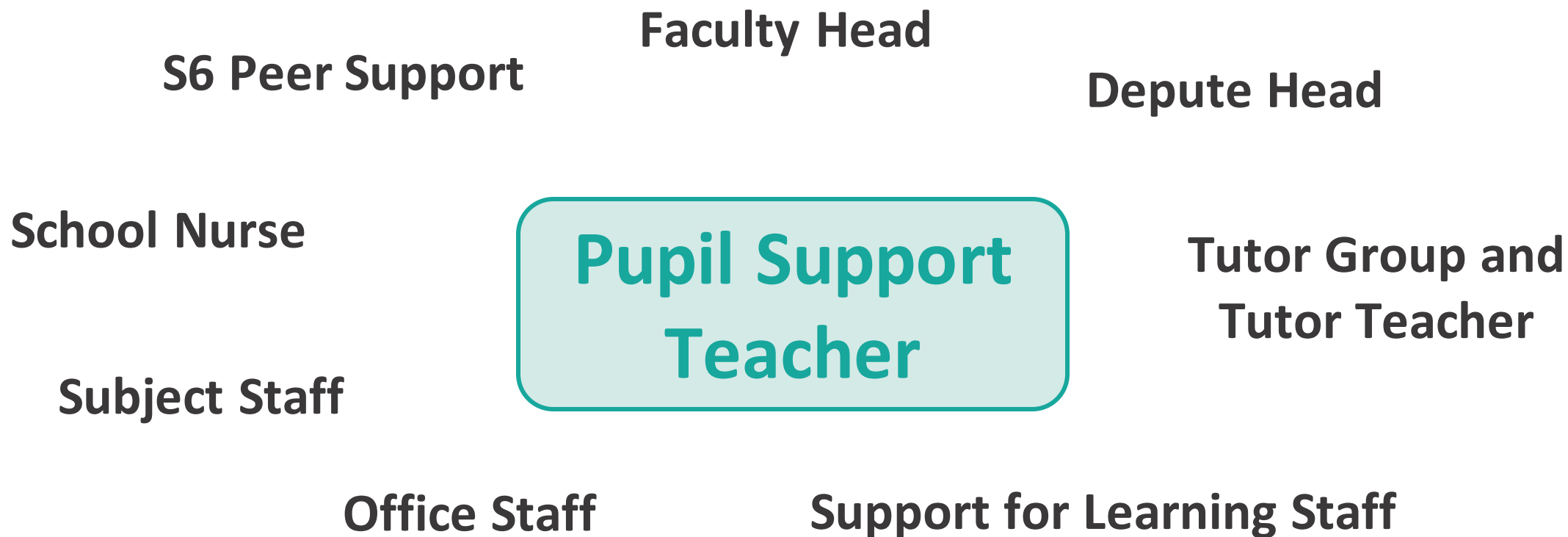


Pupil Support Team

HOUSE	PUPIL SUPPORT TEACHER	DEPUTE HEAD
Blairs	Mr Leith	DHT Link
Cairn	Mr Milne	DHT Link
Devenick	Mrs Tweedie	DHT Link
Friarsfield	Mrs Robertson	DHT Link
Hillview	Mrs Radbone	DHT Link
Murtle	Mrs Kidd	DHT Link
Ronan	Mrs Angus	DHT Link



Universal Support





PT Pupil Support

The role of Pupil Support Pastoral is to support your child's education, health and wellbeing needs for the duration of their time at Cults Academy.

Overview:

- First point of contact for parents and guardians
- Facilitating targeted interventions as required

Contact with your child and PTPS includes:

- S1 settling in interviews
- S2/4/5/6 Subject Choice/Pathway and Post-school Planning and Applications
- Weekly PSE class S1 – S6

PSE: Experiences and Outcomes

Planning for Choices and Changes; Relationships Sexual Health and Parenthood; Mental, emotional, social and physical wellbeing; Substance misuse

Delivered age and stage appropriate to Broad General Education Levels



Activities outside of the classroom

- Netball
- Basketball
- Fitness suite
- Girl's football
- Junior drama club
- School Show
- Football
- Choir
- Mandarin Chinese
- Eco Schools
- Table tennis
- Dungeons and dragons
- Pride group
- Code group
- Volleyball
- Dance
- Book club
- UNICEF
- Girls and Boys Rugby
- Badminton
- Art Club



Views from our S1



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What advice would you give to our new S1's?

Name: Heidi

House: Cairn

- Set a good first impression because they last.
- Do not be nervous, everyone is in the same boat as you and you are not alone.

Name: Liam
House: Cairn



What are the different extracurricular activities you can get involved in at Cults Academy?

Sports

The sports at Cults Academy are the following

Football, Netball, Basketball, the Fitness Suite, Badminton, Rugby, Volleyball, Dance, Futsal, Hockey, Active Girls, Swimming, Table Tennis, Gymnastics, and Parkour.

Performing Arts

The available Performing arts are the following:

The School Show and School Show Practice, Junior Drama, Choir and Senior Choir, Concert Band, and a Magic the Gathering Club.

Multimedia

The available multimedia are the following:

A Creative writing club and a Book Club.

Design and Craft

The Available design and crafts are the following::

Knitter, Knatter Club (knitting, crochet, etc), Coding Club, Baking Club, and a Craft Club.

Other

The Other activities are the following:

A Science Club, Chinese Club, Dungeons and Dragons Club, UNICEF, Eco Schools, Pride Group, Homework Club, The Scripture Union, Debate Club, and Care Home Volunteering.



What happens at break time and lunchtime?

Name: Sophie

House: Devenick

At times it can feel very busy and overwhelming; but it's good to make a plan to meet friends,

Food options: Canteen has wide variety of food/drink to eat-in or take away - queues can be quite long;
Snack bar has on-the-go options

Social options : Lots of places to sit such as the street, canteen, snackbar, Spanish steps and tables situated around the building

Activity options : Many clubs for pupils to have fun and make new friends with common interests. There is a wide variety of clubs available to S1s such as netball, coding, warhammer and more, I found these clubs really helpful when meeting new people!

Also, at lunch the library is open for pupils to go and study, to do homework, to change your book or just to have some quiet time reading.



How is Google Classroom used at Cults Academy?

Name: Emily McDonald

House: Devenick

- ★ You may already be aware of Google Classroom as most pupils use it at primary school. It is an important part of the academy.
- ★ It is used by the teachers to give out homework and classwork to students. It is also one of the ways that teachers can communicate with their classes.
- ★ In academy you have many different google classrooms. It is important to check the google classroom as new information could be put on it at any time. This can be difficult with a lot of different classrooms.
- ★ One way of making sure you don't miss anything is turning on notifications on your phone to google classroom so it will tell you if there is any updates.



What has been your favourite part of transition from P7 to S1 at Cults Academy?

- Meeting new people
- Getting the opportunity to take part in activities and clubs that you might not have done before.
- Studying a wide variety of subjects
- Moving around the different classrooms is fun and it keeps you on your feet.



PTA and Parent Council





Communicating with Parents

- Website
- Head Teacher weekly update
- Groupcall text
- Email
- Learning updates
- Reports



The Transition Process

June

- 6th and 7th June- Induction Days
- Information packs sent to parents electronically



Induction Days- 6th and 7th June

- Thursday and Friday 8:30am until 3:10pm
- All P7/New S1 learners to spend two full days at Cults Academy.
- Learners will spend time with their Pupil Support Teacher and follow their S1 timetable.
- Allows learners to see the school environment and meet with other young people from the other schools.
- Use of canteen and snack bar with Parent Pay.
- If your child has PE we will let them know in advance, PE kit will be needed.



Further information

Cults Academy
P7/S1 Transition Micro-site

Welcome to Cults Academy

If you are joining Cults Academy this year, we are looking forward to you joining and being part of our school. This micro-site is designed for you, our P7s, to provide up-to-date information about transition as well links to events and places of interest. It is natural to be excited but a little apprehensive when moving into secondary education - we have collected your [Frequently Asked Questions](#) and compiled answers to them. Keep checking back as we will continue to update them.

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About Us

We are a comprehensive secondary school with over 1100 learners aged 11-18. Cults Academy is a Rights Respecting School, we have young people at the HEART of all that we do.

[Find out more about our vision and values.](#)

Join Us

As you look forward to joining Cults Academy we want you to feel part of your new school. We have a range of events planned to help you in your transition. [Join Us](#) [is all about events](#) will help answer some of the questions you have over the months to come.

Visit Us

Unfortunately we can't have visitors just now, however you can still visit our building using our 360 virtual tour. Whilst still being developed to include lots of interactivity, you can tour all the key areas both inside and outside the building!

[Visit our 360 degree tour here](#)

[View us on Google Maps here](#)

Ask Us

Moving to a new school is a big part of growing up and it is natural to have lots of questions. To try and help ease some of your worries we have listened to your questions, which have covered everything from timetables to what happens if you lose your lunchcard, and created a Frequently Asked Questions page!

Transition Website



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