

Welcome to Cults Academy

Primary 7 to Secondary 1 Transition





Our Shared Vision & Values for Cults Academy

HEART OF ALL THAT WE DO

At the HEART:

- **® HAPPINESS, HEALTH & SUSTAINABILITY**
- **© EXCELLENCE**
- **ACHIEVEMENT**
- ® RIGHTS RESPECTING
- **TEAMWORK & RELATIONSHIPS**

We value:

- **♥ RESPECT**
- **V** KINDNESS
- **PRESILIENCE**
- **V** 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



Tonight's Session

- Parents as Partners
- S1 at Cults Academy
 - Karen Makepeace, Depute Head Teacher (DHT)
- Support at Cults Academy
 - Chris Leith, PT Pastoral Support (Blairs) & Acting DHT
- S1 Pupil Voice
- Induction Days



Parents/Carers as Partners: PTA and Parent Council

- Mark Raistrick (Parent Council)
- Cynthia McDonald (PTA)





About the S1 year group

Our S1 year group 2025/26 is 240 pupils

- Cults
- Culter
- Milltimber
- Lairhillock
- Airyhall
- Albyn
- Camphill

- Countesswells
- ISA
- Kaimhill
- RGC
- St Joseph's
- St Peter's



S1 classes

7 Houses

Practical Classes

Non-practical classes

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



Communication

- Calendar events
 - Reports
 - Parents' Night
- Head Teacher weekly update
- Groupcall messages
- Email
- Learning updates
- School website



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:

		LANGUAGES	LANGUAGES	MATHEMATICS	SOCIAL SUBJECTS	SCIENCE
		English (5)	French (2) Spanish (1)	Mathematics (4)	Integrated Course (3)	Integrated Course (3)
	S1	EXPRESSIVE ARTS	HEALTH & WELLBEING	TECHNOLOGIES	RMPS	
		Art (1) Music (1) Drama(1)	PE (2) HE (2) PSE (1)	D&T (1) Technologies (2)	RME (1)	



Our School- Curriculum Structure

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



Pupil Support Team

HOUSE	PUPIL SUPPORT TEACHER	DEPUTE HEAD	
Blairs	Mr Leith/Mr Taylor	Mrs Makepeace	
Cairn	Mr Milne	Mrs Duggan	
Devenick	Miss Dye	Mrs Makepeace	
Friarsfield	Mrs Robertson	Mr Tullock	
Hillview	Mr Bain	Mrs Duggan	
Murtle	Mrs Kidd	Mr Tullock	
Ronan	Mr Higgins Mr Cowling		



PT Pupil Support Pastoral

- First point of contact for parents and guardians via school office
- Facilitating targeted interventions as required
- S1 settling in interviews
- S2/4/5/6 Subject Choice/Pathway and Post-school Planning and Applications
- Weekly PSE class S1 S6
 - Delivered age and stage appropriate to Broad General Education Levels
 - Planning for Choices and Changes
 - Relationships Sexual Health and Parenthood
 - Mental, emotional, social and physical wellbeing
 - Substance misuse



Universal Support

S6 Peer Support

Faculty Head

Depute Head

School Nurse

Pupil Support Teacher

Tutor Group and Tutor Teacher

Subject Staff

Office Staff

Support for Learning Staff



Targeted Support

- Class teachers
- Support for Learning department
- Partners
 - Youth work
 - Peripatetic services
 - Autism Outreach
 - Vision/Hearing Support
 - O Health



Views from our S1





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

Name: Ava & Katelyn

House: Ronan





What happens at break time and lunchtime?

Name: Parmis & Annabelle

House: Blairs & Cairn



MENU Week 1

Monday

Chicken Noodle Soup (Gluten/Egg/Celery)

Beef Chilli Con Carne (Gluten/Celery)

O Dirty Potato Wedges (Milk)

Rice/Sweetcorn



Tuesday

Butternut Squash & Red Pepper Soup (Celery/Milk)

Roast Chicken and Mealie (Gluten)

> Thai Noodles (Gluten/Egg/Soya)

Roast Potatoes/Carrots

Thursday

Carrot & Coriander Soup (Celery)

Gluten Free Pork Meatballs in a Spanish Style Sauce (Soya/Sulphur Dioxide)

Pea, Spinach and Sweet Potato Curry 🙂 (Mustard)

Rice/Mixed Vegetables

Wednesday - Meat free day -

U Lentil Soup (Celery)

Macaroni Cheese (Gluten/Mustard/Soya/Milk)

> W Biryiani (Celery)

Pitta Bread (Gluten/Milk/Soya) /Green Beans

Allergies

If you have an allergy, please speak to a member of the catering staff

Options and quality

Vegan, Gluten Free & Dairy Free options are available daily!

We use locally grown produce where possible!

Friday

Tomato & Basil Soup (Celery)

> **Breaded Haddock** (Gluten/Fish)

Vegetarian Lasagne (Gluten/Egg/Milk/Mustard /Soya)

Chips/Peas

Daily











Name: Nissi, Elise,

Sara

House: Devenick &

Blairs

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



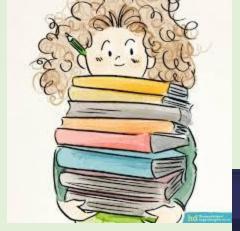




















Activities outside of the classroom

- 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



Induction Days - 19th & 20th June 2025

- 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 this week; PE kit will be needed
- Medication



Further information

- Information for August to follow
- Transport applications
- Transition Website





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