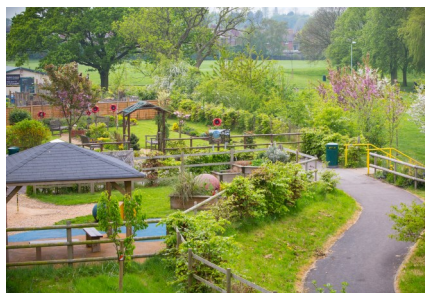




Tuxford Academy
Excellence through Teamwork

Year 6 Transition Booklet



2020

Welcome to Tuxford

Here at Tuxford Academy we are looking forward to welcoming all the new students from Year 6 into the school. We would like you to have a go at completing this booklet so that you can give it to your new tutor when you arrive in school. This will give them a chance to get to know you as quickly as possible.

As this year is a bit different to other years, we have also included some information about the school and some of the staff that you will meet in September. This is so you can have a chance to get to learn more about the academy before you join us.

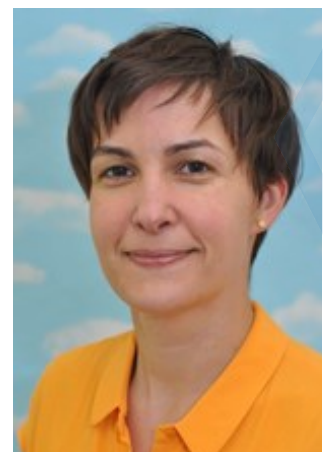
Mr Hardy is the Principal



Miss Leathem-Pugh is a Vice Principal



Miss Addison is a Vice Principal



The College System

We operate a college system at Tuxford Academy. There are four colleges – Ash, Beech, Oak and Willow and each college has around 15 tutor groups with approximately 20 students in each. Your tutor group will have students from different year groups in.

Older students act as buddies to new students when they start in September. This will ensure there is a friendly and familiar face to help you find your way around, help you know where to be and when, and answer any questions you may have about life at Tuxford.



Head of Ash College
Mr Macpherson
English teacher



Head of Beech College
Mr Mosley
Maths teacher



Head of Oak College
Mr Barr
ICT teacher



Head of Willow College
Mrs Crashley
Physical Education teacher

The Welfare Team

At Tuxford Academy we have a dedicated team to look after your welfare at school. If you have any problems you can speak to any member of staff who will help you deal with the situation.

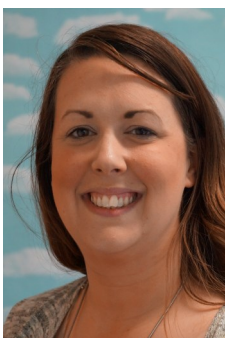
We will also give you login details for 'myconcern' which is a way for you to contact our welfare team if you need them.



Mrs Nichol
SEN Co-ordinator
& Safeguarding Lead



Miss Hethershaw
Transition Leader



Mrs Harrison
Student First Aid
& Attendance Officer

Mrs Ashley
Attendance Officer
& Safeguarding Lead



Mr Mayfield
Behaviour for Learning



We are aware that you may be worried about getting lost in the academy. We are going to put up signs around school to show you how to get to different areas. Watch out for our video of the academy coming soon.

Ground Floor

- Creative Arts
- English
- Inclusion
- Languages
- P.E.
- Technology

Sherwood Wing

DT6, DT Workshop, CAD Room, DT4, DT2, Media Hub, CA4, CA2, DT9, DT7, DT5, DT Off, CA3, DT3, DT1, CA1, CA Office, CA5, CA6, SR1, Drama Store, IS2, IS3, IS6, IS7, The Hub, LT2, IS1, IS4, IS5, LT1, Publishing, Main Reception, Fin. Of.

Sherwood Gardens

Main Hall

Trent Wing

L6, L4, L2, E8, E6, E4, E2, L5, L3, L1, E9, E7, E5, E3, E1, MFL Off, EN Off, Student Reception, PE Office, Dining Hall, Gym, Sports Hall

Trent Gardens

Student Entrance

Main Entrance



School map challenge

How many student entrances are marked on the map?

How many laboratories are in the Science department?

Is Maths on the ground or first floor?

What colour is Maths?

Trace with your finger or draw a line showing how you would get from S1 to H2

What is the LRC?

Trace with your finger or draw a line showing how you would get from E1 to DT6

Is the Clumber Gallery next to the Main Hall or the Gym?

Is the LRC on the ground or first floor?

Which Creative Arts rooms are on the ground floor?

The media hub is between DT2 and ?

Is English in the Sherwood or Trent wing?

Is PE1 on the ground or first floor?

How many teaching rooms are there in Languages?

We would like you to complete the following section so that your new tutor can find out all about you in September.

This is me

My name is _____

My birthday is _____

My Primary school is _____

I live in (village or town) _____

These are my favourite things:

Book	
Band/artist	
Colour	
Film	
TV programme	
Food	
Drink	
Sport	
Hobby/interest	

Write in detail about your main hobby/interest....

Where would you like to visit? Why?...

What would be your 'dream' job?...

My best achievement at primary school is...

I am looking forward to the following at Tuxford Academy...

I am worried about the following at Tuxford Academy...

My Journey to Tuxford

Think back through your time at primary school and tell us all about your best memories and all the important events that shaped you into the amazing person you are. You can use pictures or words.



Wordsearch

Can you find all of the words and write down what connection they have to the school?

F	G	C	R	A	S	H	L	E	Y	R	T	P
T	H	E	U	Y	C	R	S	A	B	M	B	N
E	X	C	E	L	L	E	N	C	E	W	E	X
A	J	H	G	F	R	T	C	V	E	O	X	E
M	A	S	G	Y	E	F	F	L	C	L	L	D
W	M	N	B	D	E	C	H	S	H	L	D	O
O	Q	W	E	R	Q	R	K	L	J	I	H	O
R	V	C	X	A	E	X	L	K	J	W	A	W
K	A	E	W	H	S	A	L	L	O	E	D	R
U	K	F	H	Y	U	N	V	L	S	E	D	E
L	K	A	S	D	F	W	L	E	D	F	S	H
C	B	Y	R	T	S	I	M	E	H	C	L	S
C	L	U	M	B	E	R	T	Y	R	R	A	B

Ash

Hardy

Barr

Chemistry

Willow

Excellence

Beech

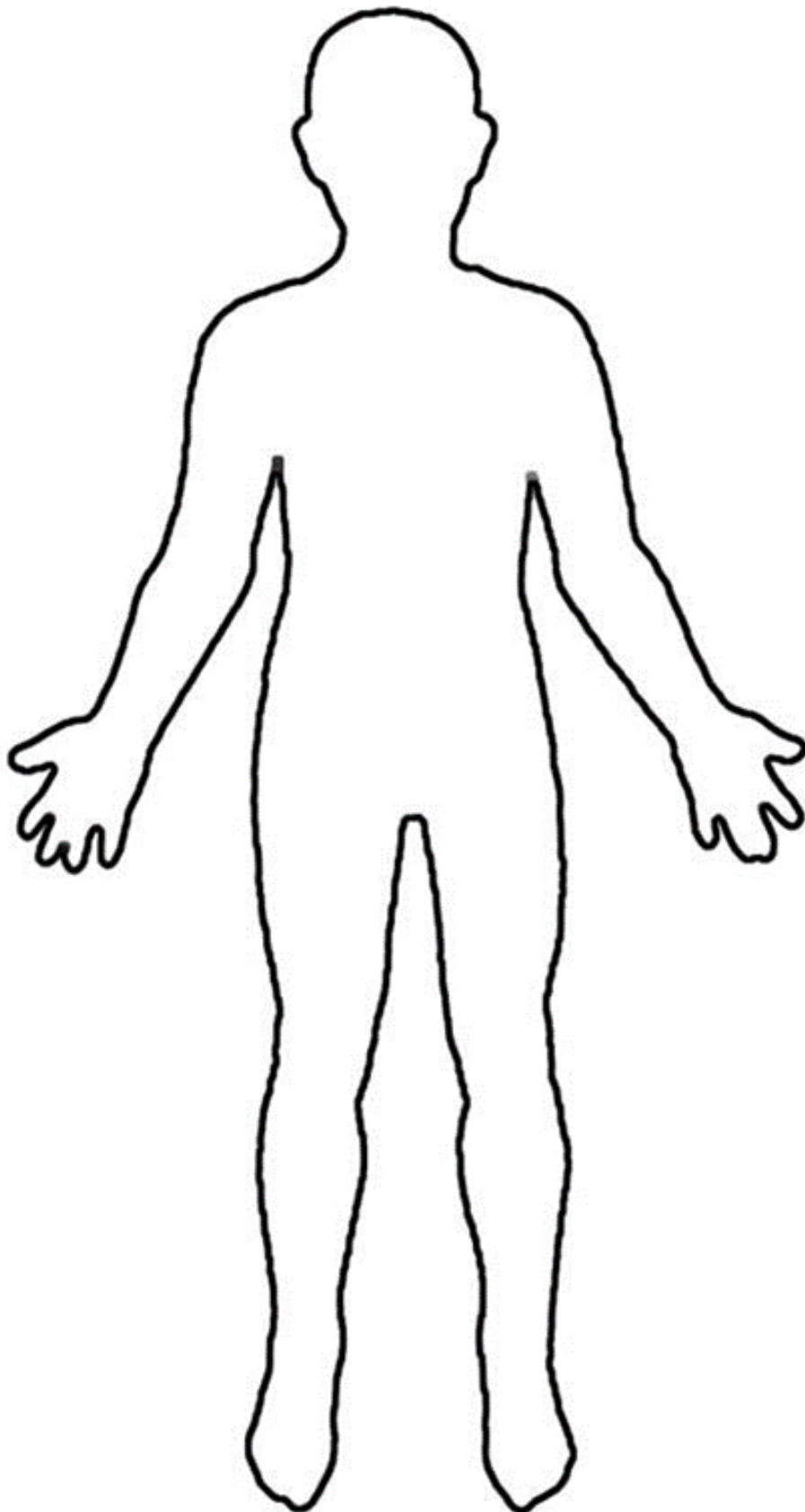
Teamwork

Sherwood

Clumber

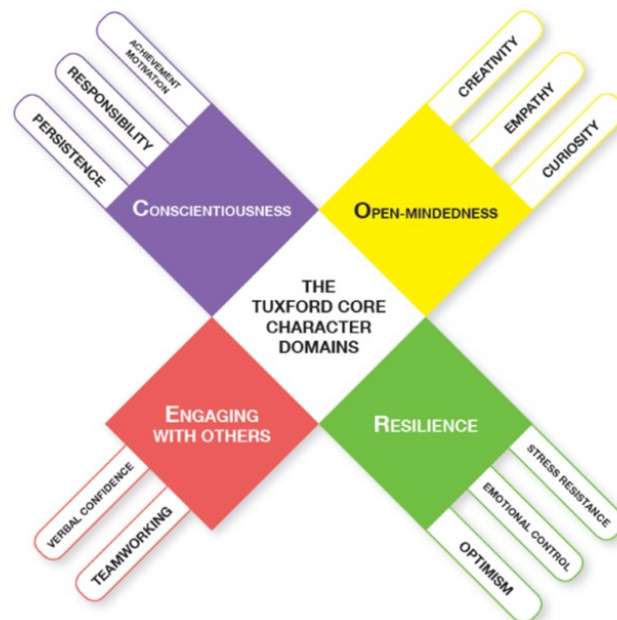
Your Uniform

One of the different things about moving to secondary school is the change in what you will wear. At Tuxford Academy we pride ourselves in looking smart and professional at all times. Use the school website to find out about the uniform and then draw it onto the diagram below.



Character Development

At Tuxford Academy we care about your growth and development as individuals. Whilst at the academy, we encourage you to take on new challenges, so you discover how capable you are and enter the world with a range of experiences.



All students in Years 7, 8 and 9 aim to achieve all four character awards with their matching badges. The character awards are for Conscientiousness, Open-mindedness, Resilience and Engaging with Others. There is a menu with lots of ways and suggestions to achieve each character award. For example, one way to achieve the 'conscientiousness award' is learning to play a musical instrument, one way to achieve the 'open-mindedness' award is to run a charity event, one way to achieve the 'resilience' award is to go on Year 7 camp and one way to achieve the 'engaging with others' award is to be part of a sports team.



Once you have gained all four awards you will have strengthened your CORE character and be ready for new challenges in KS4.

To help you develop your character we have many extra-curricular clubs and also run many trips for you to look forward to.

Achievement Points

You will also receive achievement points for all the successes you have at Tuxford Academy. We have awards for getting different amounts of achievement points.

Bronze: 100+ points

Silver: 175+ points

Gold: 250+ points

Diamond: 350+ points

500 Club: 500+ points

Extra-curricular Activities and Trips

There are many clubs to join and get involved in. We also hope to be going on all of our usual trips next year. Here are some of the clubs and trips you can look forward to at Tuxford Academy.

Duke of Edinburgh



Choir



Sports Clubs



London Trip



Prom



Science Club



Art Club



Ski Trip



A message from a Year 11 student

My favourite thing about Tuxford is all the trips we get to go on, they're always so much fun and some of my favourite memories from school. I especially liked the Year 9 London trip, the Year 7 pantomime trip and the Markeaton Park trip.

When I was a Year 7, I was very worried about making new friends because I was very shy and never had to do it before because I had the same friends all throughout primary school. When I got to school on the first day and throughout the first week it was a lot easier to make friends than I thought it would be. Not only did I know people from my primary I also knew others who might have moved away from my primary, people I'd met during mixed primary school events and girls I knew from brownies. Everyone is in the same position as you and everyone is looking to make friends so people will be open to conversations and will try to get to know you so it won't be long until you've made lots of new friends.

Another thing I was super worried about was getting lost in such a big school, which I feel like everyone is always worried about, but after a couple of weeks I was able to walk around without getting lost or having to ask where a classroom was. My older brother was in year 9 when I joined so during the summer he tried to teach me where everything was at school, but I still felt anxious about not knowing where to go.

I personally don't think much can take away that feeling because it is so much bigger than what you're used to and seems very scary and the only thing that can fix that is experience, but over time you'll just pick up where you need to go and you won't even realise it. If you don't know where to go or are lost, ask someone because everyone always wants to help and there will be lots of teachers in the corridors in the first few weeks to help you. Also, no teacher will tell you off for being late to a lesson, they've had hundreds of Year 7 classes and understand that you might get a little bit lost.