

# Welcome to Stalham High School



## WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME AT STALHAM HIGH SCHOOL?

### IT'S THE BEGINNING OF A VERY EXCITING JOURNEY FOR YOU!

You may be feeling a lot of different emotions right now, including feeling excited and nervous at the same time. This is completely normal, and that's why this book and our induction days are designed to answer questions or worries you may have about starting high school.

We have some values to help make our school the best place it can be for everyone:

- **Ready** We ask that you attend school regularly and come equipped to learn. You should follow our routines and rules. We also ask that you wear your uniform correctly.
- **Respectful** We want you to respect yourself, staff, each other, the school environment and our wider community.

- **Safe** We ask that you move around school safely and don't engage in any behaviour that poses a risk or danger to another student in or around school, or online. Students should remain on site and be at the right place at the right time. We also expect you to make responsible decisions if you are not under immediate supervision.

**Challenge Stalham** is our philosophy which informs all our teaching and learning. This means your lessons should interest, inspire and stretch you outside of your comfort zone.

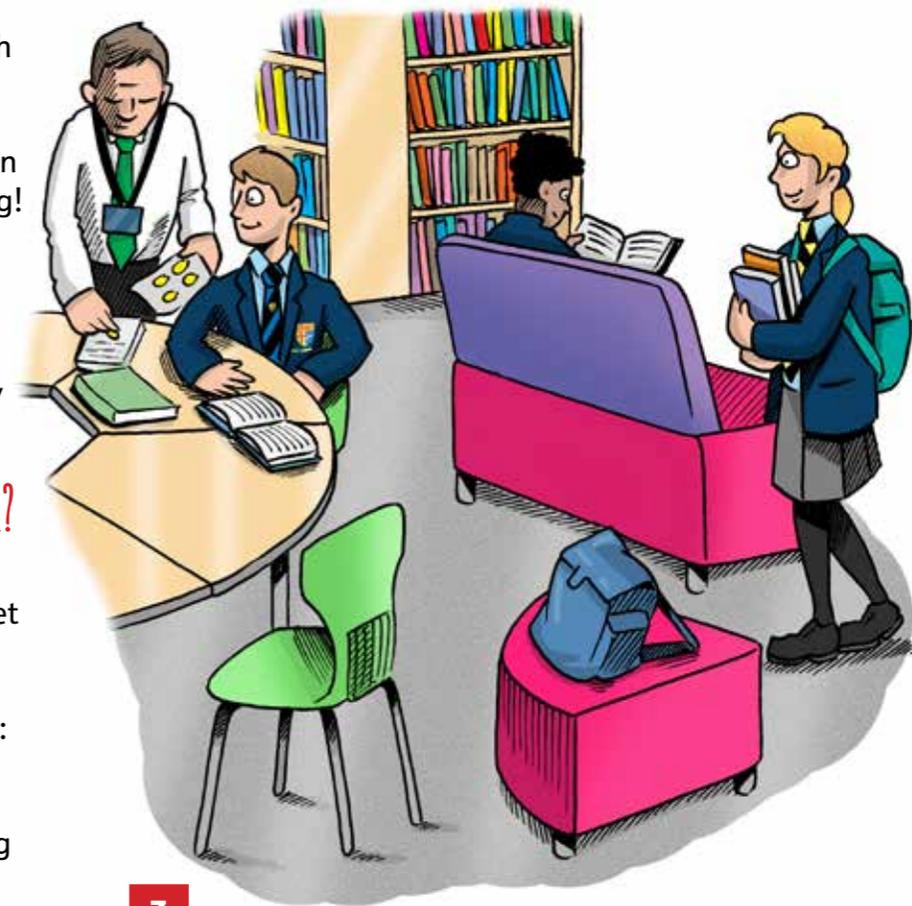
We want to develop resilient, independent learners who, in the face of challenge, look to change their thinking from "I can't do that" to "I can't do that... **yet!**".

## WHAT HAPPENS IF I NEED HELP?

We have a dedicated area in school which is always open to you. It's called the Learning Support Unit (LSU). Here you will find our student managers who are on hand to help you with just about anything! If you're feeling worried or lost, or if you feel you need someone to talk to, they are there to help you. You will also have a form tutor who will start your day by taking the register and leading your daily form activity.

## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I HAVE DONE WELL?

At school you will be awarded a merit when you demonstrate a 'Growth Mindset Quality'. Merits contribute to both your own and your house merit total. Every student is placed into one of four houses: **Cavell**, **Fry**, **Nelson** and **Pinsent**. Growth Mindset Qualities include Resilience, Reflection, Empathy, Positivity, Choosing Challenge and many more.



## HOW SHOULD I PREPARE FOR MY FIRST DAY?

We are very proud of our smart, yet comfortable, uniform. On your first day, please ensure that you are wearing the correct items, have all the equipment you need and leave enough time to be punctual.

We will supply your parents or carers with a full list of the uniform and equipment you will need for your first day.

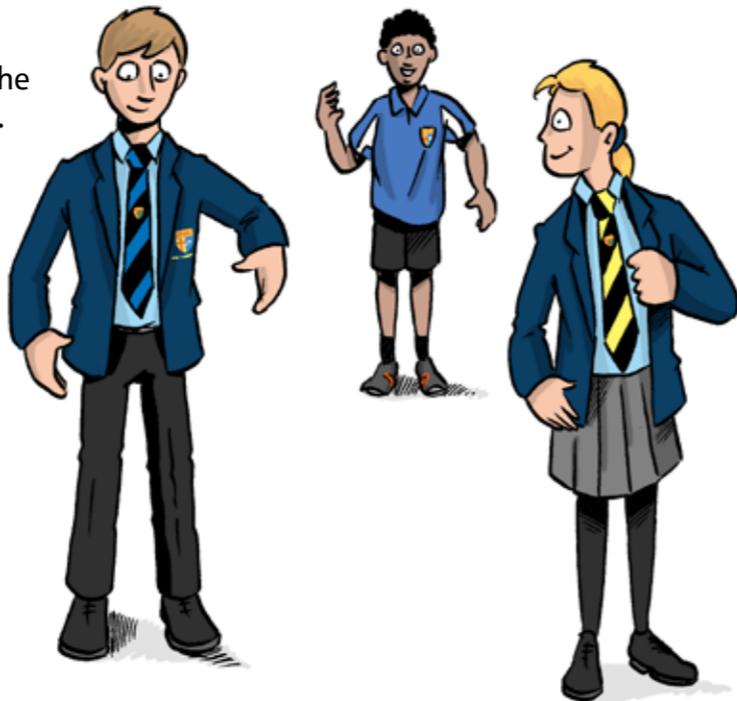
Our uniform consists of a navy blue school blazer, school tie, plain blue shirt (long or short sleeves), smart tailored straight-leg black trousers or grey skirt and black shoes (no trainers, heels or open-toes).

## WHAT EQUIPMENT DO I NEED TO BRING WITH ME?

You will need a backpack/bag, black pen, pencil, rubber, ruler, calculator and water bottle. Remember to pack your bag the night before so you are not rushing in the morning.

You will also need to have your PE kit with you from the first day. You will need a blue PE polo shirt (with school badge), black shorts or black tracksuit bottoms (for outdoors) and non-mark sole trainers.

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## WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO THINK ABOUT?

### Getting to school:

Check your route before the first day so you know where to go and, if travelling by public bus, please check the bus times and how long it will take. If you are using Local Authority transport, make sure you have ordered a bus pass.

On your first day at school, you should head to the Main Hall. From there, you will be collected by members of your form group and taken to your form room. You'll be given your timetable and your planner.

### Food:

We offer meals and snacks at the school Refectory or you can bring a packed lunch from home.

We operate a cashless system so you just need to use your fingerprint to pay for your food. Your parents or carers will pay into an online account via ParentPay.



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## WHAT DOES THE SCHOOL DAY LOOK LIKE?

Our school day starts for students at 8.30am. This is what the timetable looks like:

<b>8.30am</b>	Warning bell Go to form room
<b>8.35am - 8.55am</b>	Form Time/Assemblies
<b>8.55am - 9.55am</b>	Period 1
<b>9.55am - 10.55am</b>	Period 2
<b>10.55am - 11.20am</b>	Break
<b>11.20am - 12.20pm</b>	Period 3
<b>12.20pm - 1.20pm</b>	Period 4
<b>1.20pm - 2.00pm</b>	Lunch
<b>2.00pm - 3.00pm</b>	Period 5
<b>3.00pm</b>	End of school day

## WHAT ABOUT HOMEWORK?

Homework will be set regularly. You can keep track of your homework using Go4Schools and your own planner. You will be given a login to Go4Schools so you can see what homework has been set and how to submit it. Your parents or carers can also log in to Go4Schools to see your homework tasks. If you want to complete your homework at school or get help, our homework club is every Tuesday, 3pm to 4pm, in Room 21.



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## WHAT WILL I STUDY?

You will study a wide range of subjects including **Art, Business Studies, Child Development, Computing, Creative Media Production, Design and Technology, Drama, English, French, Geography, History, Maths, Music, Photography, Physical Education, Science, Society and Ethics, and Sex and Relationship Education.**

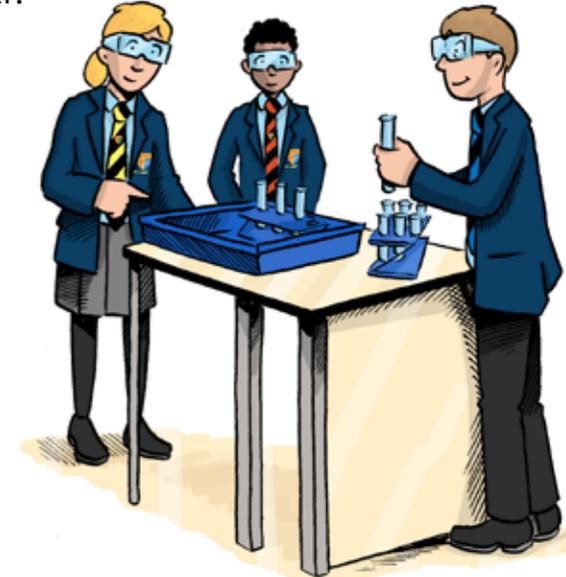
You will also have different teachers for subjects and move between classrooms for each lesson. For the first couple of weeks, teachers will understand if you are late because you won't know your way around. There are lots of teachers who can help direct you to where you need to go and all students help each other. We all help Year 7, in particular, when they start!

### Don't worry about getting lost!

There's a map in your planner to help you should you ever need it.

## HOW CAN I GET MORE INVOLVED?

Every form group has an allocated Form Ambassador who wears a shield-shaped badge in their house colour. Form Ambassadors also come together to form the Student Summit. This is a bit like a Student Council, but instead of just voicing their own opinions, they speak on behalf of their form too. The Student Summit meets with the Senior Leadership Team to help generate ideas and make decisions about how our school can work even better.



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## WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?

We have a fantastic range of extra-curricular activities that change throughout the year. Here are some of the activities we offer: art club, knitting club, Warhammer club, craft club, chess club, Flunch club (French language lunch club), STEM Lego club, football club, rugby club, netball club, vocal group and more! We also have a charities week in December, where we hold lots of fun events to raise money for our chosen charities.



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# WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU AT STALHAM HIGH SCHOOL

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