

Y6 open evening 2020 - FAQs



Q: Is the school usually oversubscribed?

A: Yes, in recent years we have been full and oversubscribed

Q: Are your Maths/English classes grouped into sets of ability? How many students are in each group?

A: Yes, we do set in English and Maths. The group sizes vary in size, with a range of low teens up to high twenties. Students regularly move between sets after assessments or testing so that they are in the right class for their ability

Q: Is the three year GCSE in all subjects? Do you enter students early for GCSEs?

A: All students start all their GCSE subjects – core and options – in Year 9, and sit their exams in Year 11. We do not enter our students early for GCSE.

Q: Do all students have to complete EBacc?

A: No, there are a number of different option routes that students may opt to follow.

Q: Do you offer instrumental lessons?

A: We do, these are provided by our visiting peripatetic teachers from Derbyshire Music Partnership. More information about this is available on the Performing Arts Hub – pahub.frieslandschool.com

Q: Will students learn to play different instruments as part of the curriculum?

A: Our music curriculum is very much focused on practical work. Students will do a mixture of percussion, singing, keyboard, ukulele and Music Technology (making Music using computers) throughout KS3

Q: Various questions were received regarding school buses

A: We have a number of bus routes organised by both the school and Derbyshire County Council. More information, including ticket prices, is available here: <http://www.frieslandschool.com/parent-information/bus-information-and-routes/>

Q: Do you have a breakfast club?

A: We do, although currently we are unable to run it. It runs 8am-8.25am in the school canteen, and students only pay for the food/drink item(s) they want. These are reasonably priced

Q: Where can I find out about after school activities? Do you run Duke of Edinburgh?

A: We do run Duke of Edinburgh. Normally, details of our after school activities are posted on our website. At the moment, we are generally unable to run these. To give you an idea on the range of after school activities usually on offer, these include things such as football and gymnastics, drama clubs and rock band, computer club, games club plus sessions to help with homework and specific subjects

Q: What did teaching look like during lockdown when no students were in school? Do you have plans in place in case we experience another one?

A: During lockdown, we ran our normal timetable with lessons set online (and materials posted where families don't have an internet connection or computer at home). Should we have another lockdown, we have plans in place to deliver teaching and learning in a similar fashion, with options for video lessons, explained presentations etc