



Millthorpe
School

Moving to Millthorpe

TRANSITION UPDATE 05: **Uniform + trips and activities + top tips**

Welcome to Millthorpe School

We really hope that you have enjoyed the last few editions of *Moving to Millthorpe* and feel like you know your new school well.

In today's edition, we will explain your new school uniform, the fun activities on offer, the fantastic clubs that you can join and amazing trips that you will get the chance to go on. We finish with some 'Top Tips' from Year 7 students which we think you will find really helpful.

We will be sending you an introduction to your form tutor, your Head of Year, Mrs Cooper, and your Deputy Head of Year, Mr Hunt so please

ask your parents or carers to look out for this email.

We hope that you enjoy reading this final edition of *Moving to Millthorpe* and that it helps you to feel ready to join us in September. We know there has been lots of information but please be reassured that you do not need to remember everything. We will explain everything to you again in September and will support you as you settle in to your new school. We will also cover lots of this information at the **Induction Evening on Monday 3rd July**, and on your **Induction Day on Wednesday 5th July**. We will be in touch with more information about both of these events soon.

Mrs Cooper and Mr Hunt will also be visiting your primary school over the next few weeks to introduce themselves and answer any questions that you might have.

We are all looking forward to seeing you soon!

Miss
Boyd



Your school uniform:

Here's what you need to know...

SCHOOL UNIFORM



Your Millthorpe uniform will probably be very different to what you had to wear at primary school. We wear blazers, school jumpers (optional), smart white shirts, ties, school trousers or skirts, both with the Millthorpe badge on and you must wear smart school shoes. Trainers are not allowed.

We expect all students to look smart and wear full uniform at all times.

What is the school uniform? What do I need to wear?

A labelled example of what our uniform looks like is on the following page, together with what types of shoes are acceptable and what types of footwear are not allowed.

It is also important that you wear your uniform with pride; this includes fastening top buttons, ties to be done correctly, shirts tucked in and skirts being worn so that they are roughly knee-length.

In addition to this, hairstyles should not be 'extreme' and should be natural in colour. In terms of jewellery, you can wear one pair of small plain studs in your ears, a watch and one ring. No other piercings or jewellery is allowed. No students are allowed to wear nail varnish/acrylic nails or false nails. We ask that students do not wear make-up in Year 7.

More information about both the school uniform and the school PE kit is available at www.millthorpeschool.co.uk/uniform/

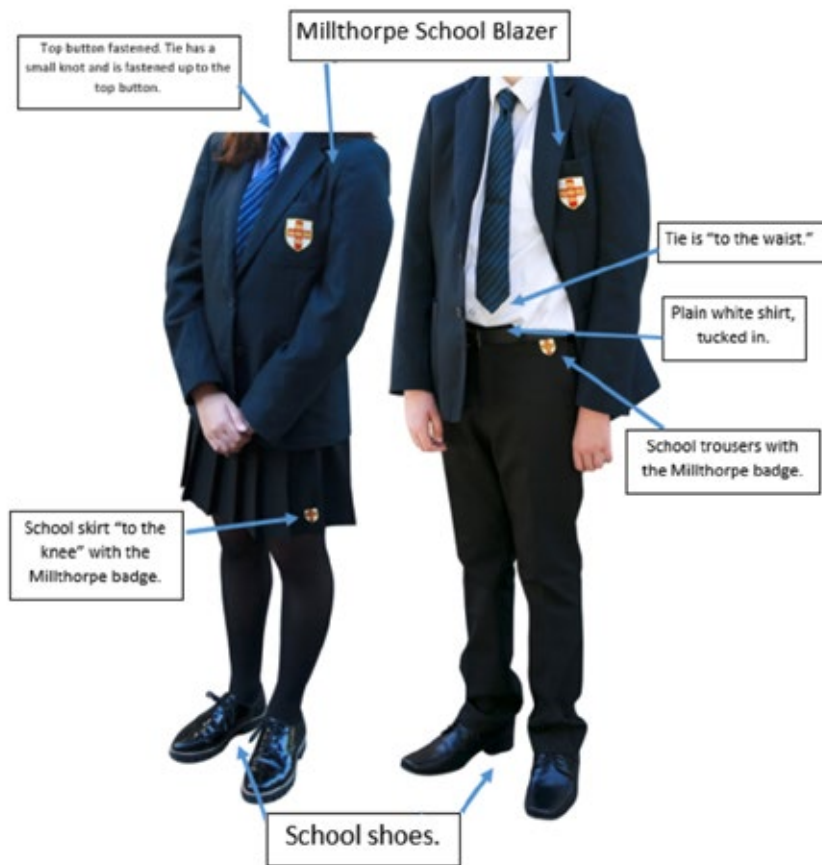
Where do I get my uniform from?

The main uniform items are available from Keal Teamwear, 105 Walmgate, (Tel) 01904 624497, www.keal-teamwear.com Keal Teamwear will provide school blazers, school jumpers (*optional*), school badged trousers and skirts, ties and some items of your PE kit. School shirts and shoes can be bought from any shop. If you are entitled to a Free School Meal, we will also send you a voucher to help with the cost of your school uniform. We would recommend that you wait to receive this voucher before beginning to purchase your uniform.

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Eco-Laundry

We also have an Eco-Laundry in school ([check it out here](#)). This gives you the chance to buy clean, pre-loved uniform items in very good condition for a fraction of the price. This helps you to keep the cost of uniform down, and also reduces the impact on the environment.

We will let you know how you can purchase items from the Eco-Laundry soon but please note that it will be offered to families in receipt of Free School Meals in the first instance and we will be in touch with these families in due course.

Ties

Each year group has a different colour of stripe on their tie. Year 7 students will be wearing a **navy tie with purple stripes** so make sure this is the tie that you buy. If you want a brand new tie, you can

buy your tie from **Keal Teamwear**, but there will also be lots of purple striped ties available from our Eco Laundry, as our outgoing Year 11s will kindly donate them when they leave, and you will be able to buy a pre-loved tie in good condition for a fraction of the cost.

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Trips and activities

Here's what you need to know...



What fun activities are on offer?

We have so many fun things for you to try. There is a full programme of activities every lunch time and after school. Over the years these have included: the library, ICT, sports, music, dance, drama, STEM club, Manga club, cooking club, karaoke club, coding club, drone club, Young Carers, LGBTQ+, Culture Club (Diversity), various departmental clubs...the list goes on! Our staff and students go above and beyond to make sure there are lots of clubs for you to get involved with and enjoy.

Will we go on any trips?

At Millthorpe, we are very lucky

that we are able to offer a lot of trips for you to enjoy. Some of the trips will be during school time.

These include Geography field trips to Bolton Abbey and Flamborough Head, a History trip exploring the city you live in and various other trips planned by your teachers. Some of the trips are free but many of the trips incur a cost so parents and carers will have to help you decide which trips you may be able to experience if you're lucky...and well behaved!

We run a Y9 residential trip to Carlton Lodge and also invite all Y10 and Y11 students to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award. We also offer many trips abroad these have included:

- Exchange trips to see "pen friends" that you might make in Germany.
- A cultural languages trip to France.
- Two ski/snowboarding trips; one to Poland and another to Austria.

- A geography trip to see the volcanoes of Sicily, and walk on the famous Mount Etna.
- A GCSE geography trip to Iceland (when you're in Y10/11).
- A GCSE history trip to the battlefields of the First World War (when you're in Y10/11).
- A GCSE RE trip to Poland to study the events of the Second World War (including a trip to Auschwitz-Birkenau) – Y10/11.
- A beach and water sports trip to Spain in the summer holidays.

These trips don't run every year so you can think about what you may want to experience in your time at Millthorpe if you are fortunate enough.



Be your best: Answers to FAQs

1 What happens if I am not wearing the correct uniform, or I am wearing it incorrectly?

We expect all students to wear their full school uniform at all times, and make sure that they are wearing it correctly, as explained above. Please check your uniform out the night before.

If you realise that you won't be able to wear the correct uniform please ask your parent / carer to write a note in your planner. With this note we'll be able to lend you items until you are able to purchase new ones. We can't allow students to be in lessons and on the corridors wearing non school uniform but we will work with you to find a solution.

2 How do we access the Eco-Laundry?

We will contact families who are entitled to Free School Meals shortly to explain how and when

they can access the Eco-Laundry. We will then let everybody else know how and when they can access it after this time.

3 How do we join the clubs?

We will advertise all of the available clubs to you when you arrive in September. They are regularly advertised on the student bulletin which your form tutor will show you each morning. It will tell you what the club is, what time, and where it happens then, all you need to do is turn up!

There are lots of clubs to choose from, but we need to wait until September to share with you what is available.

4 How much do the trips cost?

They all vary depending on how long the trip lasts, where it is, what equipment you will need (e.g., if you need to rent skis or a snowboard) and so on. We

try our very best to make them as competitively priced as possible.

It also depends on the numbers of students attending and the best prices that we get from the travel companies at the time. Trips that cost a lot of money are all optional and depend on positive behaviour within school too. Parents/carers are welcome to pay for a trip in instalments, to spread the cost across several months as it would be a lot to ask for all at once.

All trips, including the prices, will be advertised in school and in our weekly email home to your parents/carers. We try to run different trips at different times, and the bigger and more expensive trips often run once every two years to give you more time to save up.





Be your best: Top tips from Year 7s

IS THERE ANY ADVICE FROM CURRENT STUDENTS?

Of course! The following 'top tips' were written by our current students when they were in Year 7. We hope that you find them useful and if we haven't been able to put your mind at rest, these will!

Our Top Tips for Year 7 (written by Year 7s...not teachers!)

- Don't worry about losing friends with people from primary school, even if they are not in the same form as you. You will still be friends with them as long as you both make the effort.
- Don't worry about being told off! The teachers are really understanding, especially in the first term when you are getting to know the school. We worried that we would be shouted at for being late if we weren't sure where to go but it just did not happen!

- Don't worry about getting lost. The peer mentors (older students who have volunteered to help you) will show you around and other older students are really friendly too. We were surprised at how keen they were to help us. They remember what it felt like to be in a new school!
- Don't worry about making new friends. We have ALL made lots of new friends with people from other primary schools and you will too. Some of us have friends in older year groups too.
- Don't worry about homework. You don't get as much as you are probably thinking that you will. It is challenging, but it is manageable, and the teachers will help you if you are finding it tough.
- Don't worry about not knowing something. If you are not sure about something, just ask. An older student or a member of staff will always help you.
- Don't stress! There is really nothing to stress about.
- Do try the food in the canteen. It is **REALLY** nice!
- Do try new things and have a go at new clubs and activities. There are loads to choose from and they are both enjoyable and another way to make even more friends.
- Do come with the right attitude to learning. We have been challenged in our lessons this year, but it is a good level of challenge. Being challenged is important because we always want to improve. At Millthorpe, you are challenged to be the best that you can be and if you need some help or support, you will get it. But you must have a good attitude to learning and aim for "Gold" on your Learning Conduct.
- Do ask us if you need our help with anything. We'd be happy to help you to settle in at Millthorpe.



We'll see you all very soon!



We really hope that you have found the Moving to Millthorpe documents useful and that you feel that you know much more about your new school. We have tried to include everything, but we might have missed something. If you have any really important questions, please ask your parents or carers to email year6transition@millthorpe.southbank.academy and Miss Boyd, Mrs Cooper or Mr Hunt will reply as soon as possible.

We really look forward to welcoming you at Millthorpe School and working with you and your families to make sure that the next part of your education is really successful.