

Preparing for the new school year

Important information for families

Please find below useful information to help your child prepare for their next year at Millthorpe.

Uniform

The uniform for 2026/27 is as follows:

- White shirt
- Millthorpe tie in year group colours
- Millthorpe trousers, skirt or shorts
- School shoes. It is worth noting that many retailers add trainers / pumps to their back to school section. These trainers (Nike, Adidas, Vans, Converse etc) are outside what's accepted in school.
- Optional blazer or jumper
- Lanyard (same colour as tie - holding a timetable and QR code)

(full details are on the website)

The PE kit is unchanged (see website) but please make sure shorts are roughly mid-thigh to knee length and not skintight/lycra.

During next year, we will be reviewing all aspects of our uniform. We won't make any changes before the end of 2026/27 but we don't yet know which items may be changing for the following year. We suggest therefore that families consider what items they may be able to get at a reduced cost from our [Eco Laundry](#). We will be asking for feedback from students and parents/carers to help us decide on the best solution for Millthorpe.

Note that we have adapted our uniform policy to meet (and exceed) the DfE requirements regarding branded items and affordability and this will be sustained with any changes we make.

Planners/Timetables/Lanyards

Students will no longer be issued with a planner - instead they will be given a lanyard that will be able to hold a copy of their timetable and their QR code for the canteen, both of which we will give them at the beginning of the year. School badges, previously worn on blazer lapels, should be worn on lanyards. Any non school badges should only be on student bags, pencil cases etc. Like the planner, the lanyard is an essential part of being ready for school and must be worn every day.

Year 7 students will be given a map of the school site to help them navigate in the first few weeks. All students will have the option to buy an inexpensive notebook they can use for making notes in lessons.

This is all based on student feedback on how planners are actually being used.

.Appearance

Our rule for jewellery is one plain stud in each ear. If your child has additional piercings they must be in a position to remove them and use a clear plastic retainer when returning to school. The piercing retailer will often say that new piercings can't be removed too soon after breaking the skin, so please be mindful of this and therefore don't get a new piercing in the weeks leading up to the student's return.

We ask that hair colour is "natural" so any colours that fall outside of this need to be washed out before arriving in school on day one.

Lockers

All current lockers will need to be emptied before the holidays and left in good condition. We'll then refund the deposit paid by parents. As we're moving to padlocks with keys, students can keep their current lock at no charge. We will once again give Year 7 students the option to take a locker initially, before opening up to students in other year groups. Last year, everyone who wanted a locker was able to have one

Break and lunch times

Next year, Year 7 and Year 11 will be on first break (10.00am) and first lunch (12.15pm)
Years 8, 9 and 10 will be on second break (11.00am) and second lunch (1.15pm).

Phones

Our policy regarding phones remains that students can bring them to school so that they are available for the journeys to and from school but once over the blue line, phones must be switched off and in a bag or locker (not in pockets). This is consistent with the new legal requirements for schools.

Teaching groups

At the end of each year we review teaching groups for all year groups and make any changes necessary to make sure students are in the most appropriate group for their learning and progress. We are in the process of reviewing groups and as always, these will be shared when students receive their timetable in September.

Questions

If you have any questions about any of the above, please contact the school office on admin@millthorpe.elc.org.uk

Have a wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Millthorpe School