



# Moving up to Bloxwich Academy

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Bloxwich Academy is a proud member of Matrix Academy Trust. Together we have a shared belief that no child should fail.

We work in partnership with the trust to provide support to a family of Matrix Academy Trust schools. Together we are committed to improving life chances of all pupils.

Further information about the Trust can be found on their website here  
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# WELCOME TO BLOXWICH ACADEMY

A warm welcome to Bloxwich Academy.

Bloxwich Academy is going from strength to strength. We work closely with parents to ensure all pupils reach their full potential. We believe all pupils should be well equipped for school, in full uniform and show respect and manners to everyone at all times. We firmly believe that pupils play a significant part in their own development, this includes completing homework in conjunction with the work they complete during the academic day.

If you want to be the best you can be and support our values and commitment to high standards then I look forward to meeting you in September 2020 as a Year 7 pupil.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Seager  
Secondary School Headteacher



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Headteacher

## WHO WILL LOOK AFTER ME?

Should you have any worries or issues, you should report them to your Form Tutor, class teachers or Head of House who will help you with any problems you may have. All staff in school are there to look after you and guide you through your transition to secondary school as we know this can be a daunting time.

Bloxwich Academy has a group of Prefects in Year 11. These are senior pupils who will be able to help you out if you have a problem. You can recognise them all because they wear a black tie without the usual House-coloured stripes. Instead of the stripes, it has the school badge on it.

You will have two Prefects attached to your tutor group and they will act as your guides during induction day and on your first day at Bloxwich Academy in September.

During the Autumn term your form Prefects will help you to settle in and remind you of where you need to go for your lessons. If you see any Prefects around school, they will be able to offer you support, should you ever need help with anything.



## HOUSE SYSTEM

STEPHENSON

BRINDLEY

WATT

TELFORD

When you start at Bloxwich Academy you will be placed into a 'House'. This will be like your family at school and your Head of House will monitor all of your successes and any areas you might struggle with.

They will contact home to discuss ways in which we can work together to ensure that you achieve your best.

If you have any worries on a day to day basis, you will be able to talk to your Form Tutor who will work with your Head of House to help you resolve them.

## BLOXWICH VALUES

At Bloxwich Academy we are proud that our pupils embrace the BLOXWICH values in everything they do. Our Bloxwich Values Representatives help to promote our core values, each value is linked to the British values.

**B**e the best you can be.

**L**aw Abiding.

**O**pen-minded.

High **E**xpectations.

**W**e are a telling school.

**I**ndependent.

**C**aring & Understanding.

**H**elpful & Respectful.



# THE SCHOOL DAY

8:00am Entry for pupils attending breakfast club

8:40am Entry for Pupils

8:50am Morning Registration and/or Assembly

9:10am Lesson 1

10:10am Lesson 2

11:10am Break

11:30am Lesson 3

12:30pm Lesson 4 for Years 7,8,10 & 13  
Lunch for Years 9,11 & 12

1:00pm Lesson 4 for Years 8,9,10,11,12 & 13  
Lunch for Year 7

1:30pm Lesson 4 for Years 7,9,11 & 12  
Lunch for Years 8,10 & 13

2:00pm Lesson 5 and afternoon registration

3:00pm End of school  
Extra-Curricular, Catch Ups or Redos

3.00pm - 4.00pm Period 6 for Year 11 and Post-16

You will have 5 lessons per day. You will have books for most subjects. You do not need to bring all of your books every day. You should use your timetable to plan which books you need for each day.

Many pupils use lunch time to work together on homework, to chat or even to play card games or read a book.

Bloxwich Academy offers a range of extra-curricular clubs. None of these will start in the first week of term, but from the second week you can join many clubs from Art Club to Basketball Club.



## RECEPTION

Our Receptionists are the first point of contact for anybody who visits Bloxwich Academy.

They will answer the phone when your parents/carers call in and pass on any messages. They will also collect any letters or reply slips for trips.



## WHAT WILL I LEARN IN YEAR 7?

You will study a varied and exciting curriculum.

All pupils will study:

- Art
- Computing
- Dance
- Drama
- English
- Food
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Media
- French
- Music
- Personal Social Health Education
- Physical Education
- Religious Education
- Science
- Textiles

In addition to this, some pupils will have extra literacy, numeracy and spelling support.

You will be set weekly homework for all core subjects.

For other subjects you will be set termly projects.





## WHAT HAPPENS AT BREAK?

At school you will have a 20 minute break in the morning from 11.10 am to 11.30 am.

You can socialise with friends in the playground.

If you want to buy food, you can purchase and eat refreshments in the canteen.



## WHAT HAPPENS AT LUNCH?

All of Year 7 have lunch at the same time so you will be able to see your friends.

If you want to buy a cooked meal which could include a meal deal, pasta or a hot panini you can buy this from the Canteen. Meal Deals typically cost £2.00 and include a drink. You will need money on your Wisepay account to buy any at break.

If you bring a packed lunch or want to buy a sandwich, you will dine in the Gymnasium.

Members of Leadership are on duty every lunch time to help if you have any questions.





## CAN I GO TO THE TOILET IN LESSON TIME?

You can normally only go to the toilet at break and lunch. However, if you have a toilet pass for medical reasons you will be allowed to go during lesson time.

## CAN I RIDE MY BIKE TO SCHOOL?

**Yes** - you can come to school on your bike. As soon as you enter the school premises you must get off and push your bike to the bike sheds where you can lock it away safely until the end of the day. Bikes placed in the bike shed are left at the owners own risk.

We advise that you regularly get your bike breaks checked and that you wear a helmet when you are riding your bike for safety.



## PLANNERS

On your first day at Bloxwich Academy you will be issued with a planner.

You will use this to:

- Record a copy of your personal timetable.
- Make a note of any homework that has been set and when it is due.
- Show your parents/carers what work is being set and pass messages to your Form Tutor.
- Record any detentions that might be set.
- Record any Catch Ups or Redo sessions with your teachers.

Your parents/carers will sign your planner every week to show that they have seen all of your homework and to confirm that you have passed on any messages. All planners and equipment are expected to be placed on the table during lesson time.

You will also be able to collect commendations in your planner to earn rewards. Teachers will issue you with a red sticker when you have worked really hard or when you have produced an excellent piece of work.

Members of Leadership will give out silver commendations and the Headteacher, will give out gold commendations. As soon as you have filled a page you can take your planner to your Head of House who will give you the reward certificate. At each level you'll also be able to claim a reward pin to wear on your blazer.



## UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

- **Black Blazer** (*with school badge*)
- **Black trousers**
- **Black knee length skirt** of a suitable length and not jersey material (*Approx. 5cm above the knee*)
- **'Skinny' trousers** are NOT permitted. Trousers and skirts must not be lycra or jersey material
- **White polyester/cotton shirt**
- **School Tie (House Colours)**
- **Black socks or black tights** (*no patterns or over knee socks*)
- **Black school shoes** (no canvas pumps or trainers)
- **School bag** large enough to fit an A4 file
- **Black or Navy blue coat**

- Any cult or extreme of fashion, hairstyles or body piercing is banned
- False nails and gel nails are not permitted in school
- The House tie and blazer badge, design by Clive Marks, are available from Clive Marks.
- **Note:** *We do not have expensive designer variations on any standard uniform for any year group*

One plain gold or silver stud earring in each ear lobe is permissible - no other jewellery is permitted.

No makeup may be worn by pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9. Pupils in Years 10 and 11 may wear discreet makeup. Hair colour and high fashion/cult hairstyles are not permitted. Shaved heads and shaved eyebrows are not permitted. There should be no patterns or lines in pupil's hair or eyebrows.

Any cult and other extreme of fashion, hairstyle or body marking/piercing is banned. False eyelashes, false nails and nail polish are not permitted in school.

Parents will be required to collect any confiscated items. If they are not collected within four weeks they will be disposed of by the school.

All pupils are expected to wear full school uniform at all time and their appearance should be appropriate to a working environment. Shirts must be tucked in, top buttons fastened and ties worn.

Hoodies and tracksuit tops are not permitted and will be confiscated. Coats are not to be worn in the building.

Our uniform is stocked by Clive Marks. Basic black uniform items can be purchased from supermarkets.





## WHAT ELSE CAN I EXPECT AT BLOXWICH ACADEMY?



House  
Sports



Combined  
Cadet Force



Duke of  
Edinburgh  
Award



Careers  
Fairs



Charity  
Events







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