

Millthorpe  
School

# Moving to Millthorpe



# Welcome to Millthorpe School



**Welcome to our new students! For those of you who have been back at school this week, I hope that this has**

**gone well, and you continue to stay safe. For those of you who have not been in school, I am sure you have continued to work hard on the work that your Year 6 teachers have been setting.**

## **Remote meetings**

We have now had remote meetings with all of your Year 6 teachers, and we are really excited to welcome such a lovely, hard working and respectful group of students into Year 7. We know, following these conversations, that you will fit in perfectly and will be able to

adapt to life at Millthorpe, and meet expectations, without any trouble. If you do need a little bit of extra help, please be reassured that Ms Simpson and I have been given detailed information about what support works best and how we can help you, so we will work hard to make sure that happens.

## **Any questions?**

This is the last scheduled *Moving to Millthorpe*. Remember, all of the information in these Moving to Millthorpe documents is normally what I would explain to you if I was able to come and see you in your primary schools.

If you have missed an edition, they are all on the transition page of our website – [www.millthorpeschool.co.uk/millthorpe/parents/whole-school-new-starters/](http://www.millthorpeschool.co.uk/millthorpe/parents/whole-school-new-starters/)

Whilst it is the last scheduled *Moving to Millthorpe*, we will

continue to keep in regular contact with you. Next up is finding out who your form tutor will be and which House you will be in! We will be in touch soon about this.

At the end of today's edition, we explain how you can ask any questions that you still may have, and I will do my best to respond to all of them.

## **Dressed for success!**

Today's edition focuses on **school uniform** and top tips from Year 7 students. **The school uniform details are just for information at the moment** – it is highly unlikely that we will all be able to wear full uniform from September. But we wanted to share it with you anyway as we know many of you will have been excited to learn about what the uniform is.

Mr Baybutt

# Your school uniform:

## Here's what you need to know...

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

Due to the current situation, we might not be able to wear our full uniform from September. We might wear some of it, but perhaps not all of it. We have a lot to think about and also need to get the correct advice from the government. In the meantime, our advice to you and your parents/carers is to wait and not buy anything just yet. Your parents/carers might continue to save up for your uniform, but we advise that you do not buy anything at the moment.

We will contact your parents/carers by Friday 26 June, ten weeks before the expected return date in September, to give you an update on uniform.

Below is information about the full school uniform, which we will return to at some point, but please remember that this may

be different initially in September, so this is just for information.

**Please do not buy any items just yet and we will keep you updated on developments.**

Whilst we are unlikely to be wearing ties in September due to health and safety reasons, you will wear a tie at some point in the future. It might be a good idea for you to learn and practice how to tie a tie that an adult in your house may be able to let you borrow. It is tricky at first, but like with most things, the more you practice, the easier it becomes!

### What do Millthorpe students usually wear?

Normally, we expect all students to look **smart** and wear **full uniform at all times**. Your Millthorpe uniform will probably be very different to what you had to wear at primary school. We wear blazers, (optional)

school jumpers, smart white shirts, ties, school trousers or skirts, both with the Millthorpe badge on and, a big change for some who were allowed to wear trainers at primary school, you must wear smart school shoes. Please see a labelled example of what our uniform looks like on the left, and below, what types of shoes are acceptable and what types of footwear are not allowed. It is also important that you wear it smartly.

This includes fastening top buttons, ties done correctly, shirts tucked in and skirts being worn so that they are roughly knee-length.

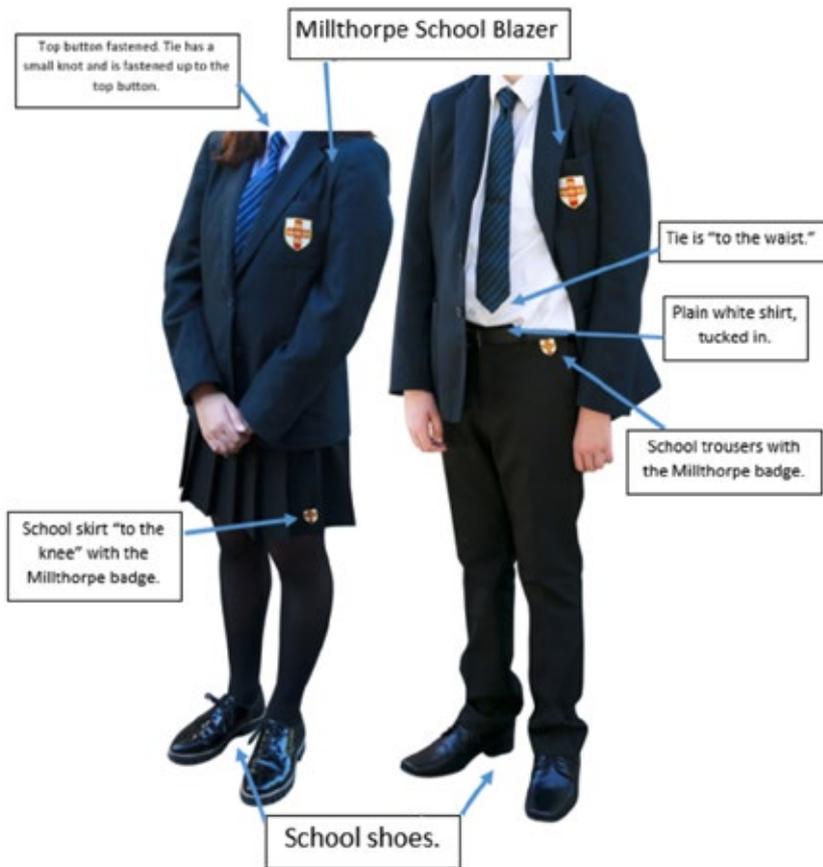
You can see examples of your new uniform on the following page.

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### Additional information

In addition to your uniform, 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.** Students are **not** allowed to wear nail varnish/acrylic nails and we ask that students do not wear make-up in Year 7.

**(Please note: advice around jewellery is likely to change for September – this is just what is normally allowed).**

- More information about the school uniform is available here: [www.millthorpeschool.co.uk/millthorpe/parents/school-uniform/](http://www.millthorpeschool.co.uk/millthorpe/parents/school-uniform/) You can find information about PE kits here: [www.millthorpeschool.co.uk/millthorpe/parents/p-e-kit/](http://www.millthorpeschool.co.uk/millthorpe/parents/p-e-kit/)

### Where do I get my uniform from?

**Remember not to buy anything at the moment.** But, once we confirm what items you will need, the main uniform items are available from **Keal Teamwear**, 105 Walmgate, (Tel) 01904 624497, [www.keal-teamwear.com](http://www.keal-teamwear.com)

Keal Teamwear will provide school blazers, (optional) school jumpers, school badged trousers and skirts, ties (Key Stage 3 have a single striped tie in the colour of their House) and some items of your PE kit. School shirts and shoes can be bought from any shop.

We will share more information about how to get your uniform items once we have confirmed what you will need.

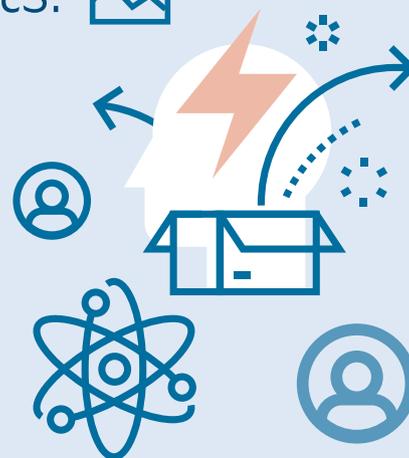
**Remember: Do not buy any uniform yet – we will be in touch very soon!**





# Top tips:

Written *by* students *for* students!



## 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 (they are now in Year 8). 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!

- On that note, 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. Perhaps they do remember what it feels 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!

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- 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 do your best 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.

## To conclude

We really hope that you have found the weekly "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 we were able to speak to you in person, we would be able to answer any questions there and then. As we are not able to do this at the moment, if you have any really important questions, please look at the transition page on our website. It has lots of information

and lots of "Frequently Asked Questions" so you will hopefully find the answer to your question on the website.

If not, please ask your parents or carers to email [year6transition@millthorpeschool.co.uk](mailto:year6transition@millthorpeschool.co.uk) and Mr Baybutt will reply as soon as he can.

**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.**

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**Thank you, and we will be in touch soon with information about your new form, form tutor and House. Take care and stay safe!**