



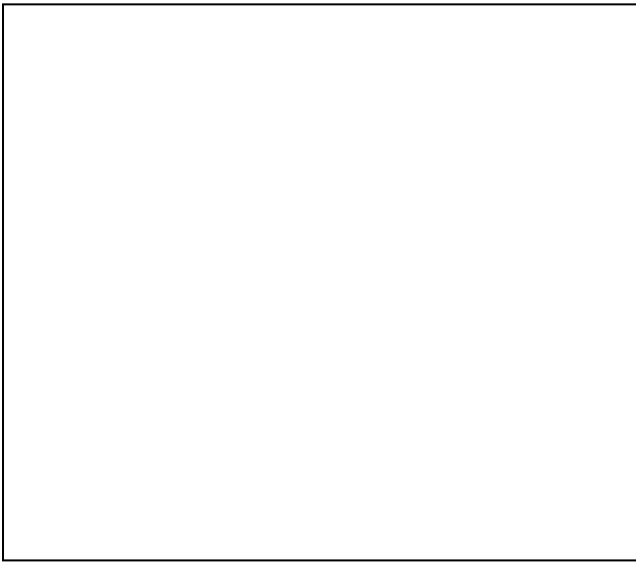
St Vincent's Secondary School

GUIDE FOR OUR NEW FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

MY NAME

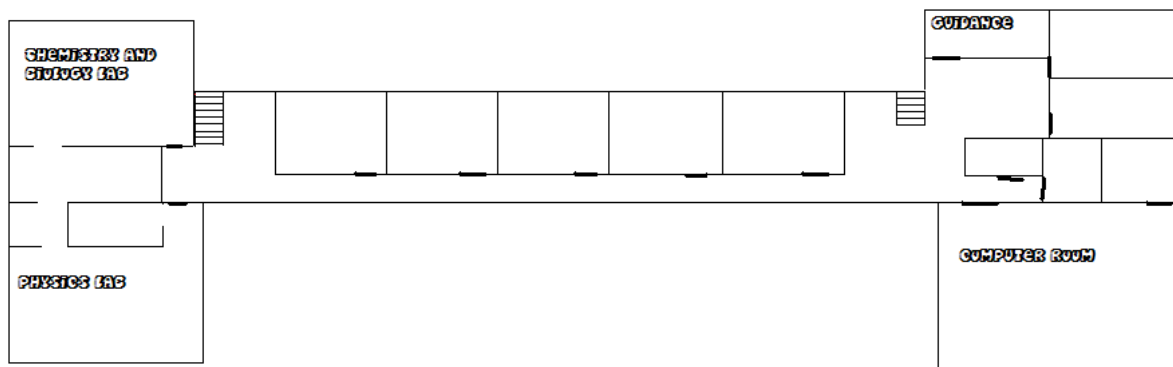
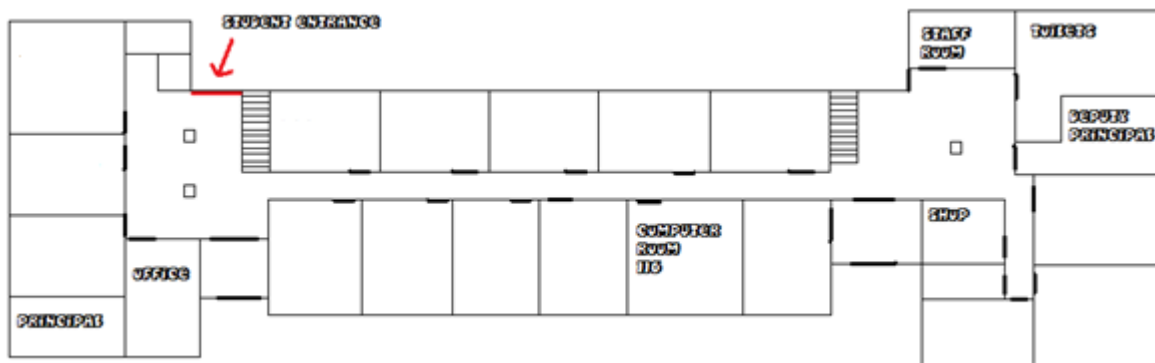
MY CLASS

Who am i and what do i do?



Welcome to your first year in a new school. We want you to enjoy coming to school and to make a lot of new friends. We also want you to have fun learning and not get into trouble.

As you have your own classroom it won't be hard to find your way around. Look at the map below to find the science labs, computer rooms, Art room and toilets.



The art room can be found above the Gym

HOW TO GET READY FOR SCHOOL

- Check your timetable the night before school to see what subjects you have the next day.
- Make sure all your homework is done.
- Pack your bag with any books you need for the next day.
- Make sure you have any calculators, pens, pencils, art supplies and so on.
- Make sure you have your full uniform on unless you have P.E., then you should bring a tracksuit and runners with you.
- Always get your journal signed at home.
- **Fill in the “packing my bag” sheet.**



It's important to remember that not everyone will find the change of school easy. Some people will make friends really fast while others will take longer. Some people will learn faster than others too.

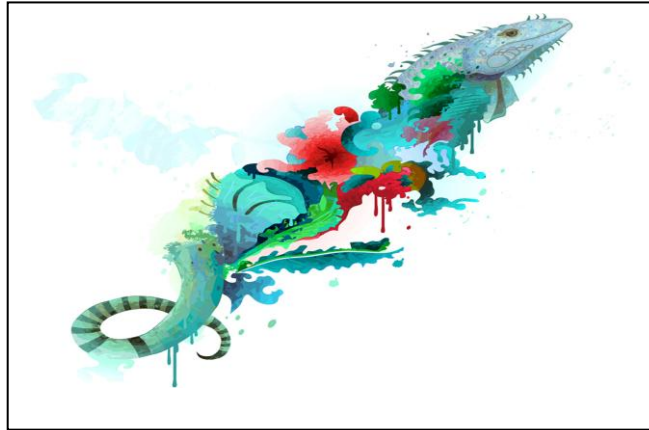
Everybody learns differently and it's important to figure out how you learn best.

I am a Visual Learner

I love drawing, scribbling and doodling, especially with colours.

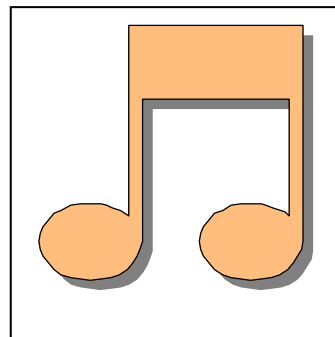
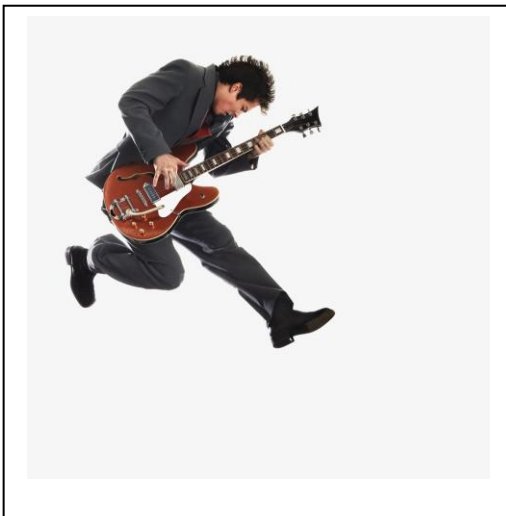
I prefer using images, pictures, colours and maps to organise information
communicate with others





I am an Auditory Learner

I notice music playing in the background of movies, TV shows and other media. I like to work with sound and music and learn best from what I hear.





I am a Kinesthetic Learner

I use my body and sense of touch to learn about the world around me.

I like sports and exercise, and other physical activities such as Art or Woodwork.

I like 'getting my hands dirty', making models or working.



Learning Profile

What helps me learn?

What makes learning a challenge?

What helps me behave in class?

What makes good behaviour a challenge?

BEING ON TIME

1. Are you usually on time for things like meeting your friends, going to the cinema, going training for sports or watching programmes on television?

2. What number would you give yourself for being on time, out of ten?

3. Can you remember a time that you had to wait for someone or something that was late, how did you feel and what happened?

4. Do you find it hard to get up in the morning for school?

5. How do you wake up in the mornings?

6. What number would you give yourself for being on time for school, out of ten?

7. What happens when you or other students are late for school?

8. What do you do when you have to go into one of your classes and you are late?

9. What excuses are given when people are late for class? Write down as many as you can think of like "I didn't know where to go" or "I had to go to see another teacher" or "I had to go to the toilet".

10. When do you get a late stamp?



Lockers

When can I go to my locker?	What if someone else wants to use my locker?
What if I lose my key?	What if I forget something in my locker?
What should be in my locker?	Something is missing from my locker!
Other students are messing at the lockers. What should i do?	

Every school has rules. They are important for the smooth running of the school and safety of the students.

Fill in the table below.

Picture	What is the rule?	Why is it important?
1		
2		
3		
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1

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5



Important things to remember

- School starts at 8:45am
- School ends at 3:40pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
- School ends at 1pm on Wednesdays.
- Lunch lasts for 35 minutes each day from 1pm to 1:35pm
- There is a 10 minute break each day from 11:30am to 11:40am.
- Each class lasts 40 minutes.

What does my Form Teacher do?

As well as teaching other classes, your form teacher has a special job:

- He/she is the teacher in charge of your group.
- He/she is there for you if you need to discuss anything.
- They contact your parents directly.
- They will keep an eye on how you are getting on in other classes.
- He/she will regularly check your journal.
- If you are absent for any reason they will ask to see the note in your journal.
- They will regularly check uniforms, attendance and punctuality.

My first year teachers

Form teacher: _____

Maths: _____

Irish: _____

English: _____

History: _____

Geography: _____

Religion: _____

CSPE: _____

SPHE: _____

P.E. _____

Business: _____

Art: _____

French: _____

Science: _____

Computers: _____

What can I do at lunchtime?

Unlike primary school, students are allowed to leave the school at lunch time.

You can go home for lunch or you can buy lunch at a local shop.

Remember that lunch ends at 1:35pm so keep an eye on the time if you do leave the school.



