

FAQs

'How long is the school day'

Tutor time begins at 8:30am, with 1st lesson starting at 8:45am. For most, the school day finishes at either 3:40 or 4:30pm - please visit the following link for a breakdown of the school day: <http://www.cam-ast.org.uk/college-life/students-and-families/college-day>
With parental permission, if families prefer for home learning to be completed at home students are allowed to leave at 3:40pm but are also able to stay until 4:30pm.

'Are there any after school clubs'

Yes, on a Wednesday the PFA offer after school clubs at CAST to all Pre-16 students and finish at 4:30pm. All students are expected to undertake extra-curricular activities. Students will be excused from these if they have other club commitments outside of the college: ie. swimming, karate.

'What is a Conference Day'

Parkside Federation have conference days, otherwise known as teacher training days throughout the year and these can be found on the college calendar <http://www.cam-ast.org.uk/college-life/students-and-families/calendar>

'How is progress reported to parents'

The Academy uses Go4Schools to report progress and assessments to parents. More information is available here: <http://www.cam-ast.org.uk/college-life/students-and-families/assessment-and-reporting>

'What is the school uniform and where can we purchase it'

Please see the website for details regarding our uniform expectations: <http://www.cam-ast.org.uk/college-life/students-and-families/uniform>

'What do we have to do for the transition of our child from their current school'

Our admissions team, based at Coleridge, will contact each school at any point between now and the 8th May to inform them that your child is transferring to us. There are no forms you need to complete for your current school.

'Are there any induction days'

Yes, an induction day will take place on Friday 6th July. Students will attend in the day and parents will be invited to come back at 3:30pm for a talk with the Headteacher and other staff members. There will be a chance for you to ask any questions about the practical aspects of starting in September.

'When can students use the gym'

In PE lessons or any after school extra-curricular session.

'Do students get the chance to do work experience at a work placement in Year 10/11'

All students undertake a week in Year 10 and 11.

'Do families need to provide lab coats / goggles etc'

No, safety equipment is provided and maintained by the College.

'Is the school canteen providing hot meals? Is it cash payment or online payments'

The College has independent on site caterers and offer hot and cold food at break and lunchtimes. We encourage students not to bring cash on to the site. Parents can top up via Parentmail +Pay from home or students are able to top up at reception using their own credit/debit card.

Free school meal information and further information regarding catering is available here:
<http://www.cam-ast.org.uk/college-life/students-and-families/catering>.

'Travelling to the College'

Current information regarding travel can be found here -

<http://www.cam-ast.org.uk/college-life/students-and-families/student-travel>. Further information will be available on the Induction day in July.

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