

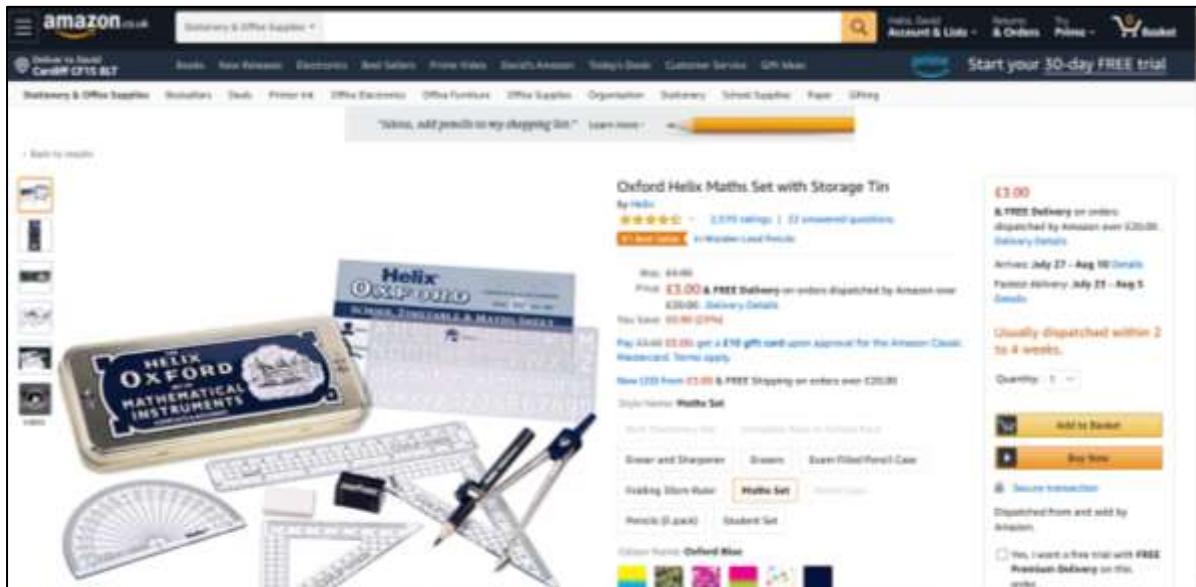
Transition to Whitmore: Some basics

What equipment will I need?

Some basic pencil-case equipment – pens, pencils, coloured pencils, rubber, pencil sharpener etc. We want pupils to take responsibility for their own equipment and ensure they have the basics that will be needed for most lessons.

A basic maths set that contains a compass, protractor, etc. would be very helpful:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Oxford-Helix-Maths-Set-Storage/dp/B000J66XPG?ref_=ast_sto_dp



When will I be given my fob for the canteen?

You'll be given your fob to use in the canteen on Day 1. It can be loaded with cash by pupils using the machines in the canteen or by parents using the online system (username and password will be sent home).

Any Free School Meals money will be loaded onto the fob automatically at the start of every day. If this money isn't used it **does not** carry over until the next day.

I'd recommend that pupils bring sandwiches for Day 1 to ensure they are happy with arrangements.

Water is always available in the canteen and from water fountains around the school. Feel free to bring your own drinks bottle with water / juice. No fizzy drinks though.

What do I do on Day 1?

As things stand, the planned day is as follows:

Arrive at Whitmore for 8:30am and go straight to the main hall. There will be signs to guide you in from the main car park.

You will sit with your new form class, have a short assembly, and then go with your form tutor to your classroom, before starting your timetabled day.

Due to current ongoing uncertainty, there may be some changes – I will keep everyone up to date through Twitter and the school website.

What about uniform?

Uniform can be purchased from 2 suppliers:

<https://www.ruckleys.co.uk/>

<http://www.aclassapart.co.uk/products/Catalog.aspx?DepartmentID=1&Department=school%20uniforms&CategoryID=120&Category=whitmore%20high%20school>

You can also buy the filled pencil cases at these retailers.

Sports kit is also available here, and the kit list includes boots and gum shields for boys.

How will my timetable work?

We have a rolling two-week timetable. Week 1, week 2, week 1, etc...

You will be given your timetable on Day 1, along with a planner to record homework.

Approximately 50% of your classes will be with your allocated form class. The other 50% of lessons will be 'set' according to your ability in those subjects. At this early stage, we rely on Primary School data to arrange sets, and no doubt sets will change as the year progresses.

Subjects that are set are: Maths, English, Science, History, RS.

Technology subjects (e.g. Catering, DT, ICT) will also be split from the main form group into smaller groups to comply with health and safety, PC numbers, etc.

So time with your form class can be a very small part of your actual day.

What are the lesson times?

Arrive in school	By 8:35
Start of the day	8:40
Registration (in form class) or Assembly	8:40 – 8:55
Lesson 1	8:55 – 9:55
Lesson 2	9:55 – 10:55
Break	10:55 – 11:20
Lesson 3	11:20 – 12:20
Lesson 4	12:20 – 1:20
Lunch	1:20 – 1:55
Lesson 5	1:55 – 2:55
After-school clubs (optional)	3:00 – 4:00 / 4:30

What after-school clubs are available?

During September, there will be a timetable arranged for after-school clubs.

Most subjects offer after-school activity e.g. Drama Club, Art Academy, Additional Languages, Sport, History, Music, Film Club

A full timetable will be put together in September, so everyone will know what is available and when.