

Welcome to



Jesmond Park Academy

Year 6 Transition Information Evening

Tuesday 7th July 2026

Dave Merrifield

Head of School

Purpose of the Evening

- To give parents important information with regards to their child's start at Jesmond Park Academy
- To allay any concerns that parents may have at this important transition to secondary school
- To tell you what our school is about: this is the start of a 7 year journey with us

Inspection of Jesmond Park Academy

Jesmond Park West, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Tyne and Wear NE7 7DP

Inspection dates: 8 and 9 June 2022

Overall effectiveness	Good
The quality of education	Good
Behaviour and attitudes	Good
Personal development	Good
Leadership and management	Good
Sixth-form provision	Good
Previous inspection grade	Not previously inspected under section 5 of the Education Act 2005



Three years of a positive Progress 8 score.

This means that students at JPA achieve higher than their predicted grades based on their Key Stage 2 SATS.

Governance

- We have an active governing body our Chair of Governors is Julia Morrison who is with us tonight.
- The role of the governing body is to challenge and support leadership of JPA
- Vacancy for one more parent governor

Creating Futures

- Educate, support and nurture our students so they can achieve their potential and fulfil their aspirations
- A dynamic and diverse school: clear energy and purpose, all students valued equally, inclusive approach
- High expectations and high standards of achievement
- Honesty, trust, reliability, creativity, respect for the legitimate rights of others, care for the weaker members of society, regard for the environment and a kindness towards other people.
- A calm, friendly, disciplined atmosphere, in which hard work and co-operation are respected

Our Curriculum Philosophy

Knowledge – acquisition of knowledge through expert teacher delivery so that students have a detailed understanding of the world around them.

Skills – development of core skills including improved Literacy, Oracy and Numeracy so that students can secure outstanding outcomes.

Enrichment – cultural, moral and social educational opportunities so that students leave school as well rounded and thoughtful young adults.

Key Features of Our School

- Comprehensive ethos
- Academic achievement
- Extra curricular opportunities
- Discipline and rewards: PRAISE Code
- Pastoral care and individual support

Some Key Differences between Primary and Secondary School

- Wider range of subjects than in primary school
- Taught by lots of different teachers (subject specialists)
- Taught either in mixed ability groups or set groups
- Students move from department to department for lessons
- Homework in most subjects each week
- Planners to organise themselves.
- Range of extra-curricular activities (clubs & trips)
- Main uniform and a PE uniform

Grouping of Students

- Tutor groups (form classes)
- Some subjects are taught in sets
- Some subjects are taught in mixed ability
- Potential for set changes during the year
- Any set changes will be based on progress

Subjects Studied

English Literature and Language

Mathematics

Science

Modern Foreign Languages – MFL

History

Geography

Religious Education

Citizenship

Computing

Technology

Art

PE

Music

Performing Arts

Reading Programme

An Example Timetable

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	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	Mathematics MW 08:40 MA7 7h/Ma3	English Language KSP 08:40 E9 7h/En3	English Language KSP 08:40 E9 7h/En3	Reading Programme AHO 08:40 IT8 7h/Rd3	Technology SPC 08:40 FT4 7h/Te2
2	English Language KSP 09:25 E9 7h/En3	Physical Education ADC 09:25 7h/Pe2	Science GRI 09:25 S1 7h/Sc2	French AGI 09:25 L1 7h/Fr2	Technology SPC 09:25 FT4 7h/Te2
3	Science GRI 10:30 S1 7h/Sc2	Mathematics RHM 10:30 H8 7h/Ma3	Performing Arts KJA 10:30 DPA 7h/Pa4	Religious Education AJE 10:30 H9 7h/Re3	Geography SAB 10:30 H12 7h/Gg3
4	Music LAS 11:20 MU8 7h/Mu4	French AGI 11:20 L1 7h/Fr2	Technology SPC 11:20 FT4 7h/Te2	English Language KSP 11:20 E9 7h/En3	Physical Education LAU 11:20 7h/Pe2
5	History MNR 13:00 L6 7h/Hi3	Computing DJM 13:00 IT4 7h/Co4	French AGI 13:00 L1 7h/Fr2	Mathematics MW 13:00 MA7 7h/Ma3	Science CWA 13:00 H2 7h/Sc2
6	Geography SAB 13:50 H12 7h/Gg3	History MNR 13:50 L6 7h/Hi3	Mathematics MW 13:50 MA7 7h/Ma3	Science GRI 13:50 S1 7h/Sc2	Citizenship RAS 13:50 L2 7h/Cz3

School Day – Year 7

- On site by 8:20am at latest
- Tutor time/Assembly from 8:30am
- Lesson 1 (8:45-9:35)
- Lesson 2 (9:35-10:35 – including a 10 minute break from 10:00-10:10)
- Lesson 3 (10:35-11:25)
- Lunch Break (11:25-12:15)
- Lesson 4 (12:15-1:05)
- Lesson 5 (1:05 – 1:55) and Lesson 6 (1:55-2:40)
- Main school day ends at 2:40
- “7” extra curricular activities 2:45pm to 3:30pm

“7” Extra Curricular Activities

- Wide range of extra activities
- Runs from 2:40pm – 3:30pm
- Some run at lunchtimes
- Activities on every day of week
- Programme published at the end of September on school website
- Activities start in October
- We expect students to engage with period 7 to broaden their experience



“Our busiest students are our most successful students”

Enrichment

- Rainbow day
- Activity day
- Day of Sport
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Work Experience
- Day of Culture
- Overseas trips
- Local excursions
- Student elections

Lunch

- School lunch meal deal options are
- Packed lunch
- Stay on site
- Free school meals
- Early lunch sitting
- Menus on website



Biometric System

- Cashless system - Students don't have to carry cash to pay for meals in the restaurant
- Lunches are served more quickly and less queuing
- Students who are entitled to free school meals have exactly the same process
- Unique student number/ finger scan - *not actual fingerprints and covered by data protection/GDPR*
- Parents/carers need to pre-pay through e-payments at www.scopay.com
- Your consent is needed

Phone free schools

- Best advice – don't bring a phone
- Current system
- Moving towards phone pouches with an aim to be fully operational by the first week in October

Introductions

- Mr Merrifield – Head of School
- Mr Mason – Deputy Principal Inclusion
- Mrs Dowling – Head of Key Stage 3
- Ms Munro - SENDCO
- Mr McLaughlin – Head of Year
- Mr Brown – Year Manager
- Mr Bolam – Year Manager (7-9)

Mrs Dowling
Head of Key Stage 3

What have we done so far?

- Planned curriculum and staffing for new Year 7 2026-27
- Gathered information from primaries- academic and pastoral to assist transition
- Undertaken primary school visits
- Planned the transition days for Thursday 9th and Friday 10th July

Transition Days

Thursday 9th & Friday 10th July

- 8:20am – students gather in groups outside the front main school entrance
- Day finishes at 3:00pm
- Students to make their own travel arrangements to and from school
- Students will be informed of their form groups
- Experience from a wide range of subject areas all across school
- Lots for students to do, see and enjoy
- Chance to meet teachers, other students and find way around school

Transition Day Lunch

- Children will be expected to bring their own packed lunch to the transition days
- Lunch will be provided for those children already entitled to free school meals
- Children will be given a pencil case containing a pen, pencil and ruler which we keep in school for them to use again in September.

Mr McLaughlin

Head of Year

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Main Uniform

From Michael Sehgal & Sons Ltd.

- Jesmond Park Academy white polo shirt with a GREEN circle
- Jesmond Park Academy navy blue jumper with a GREEN circle

From anywhere

- Black school trousers or skirt (pleated all around with black opaque tights). Please note the acceptable trousers/skirt styles in the booklet.
- Formal black dress shoes, not trainers (or anything that resembles trainers) or boots. Polishable over their entire surface with a traditional sole. **No logos are permitted on shoes.**
- Plain black coat (must be waterproof and fit into the child's school bag)

P.E. Uniform

From Michael Sehgal & Sons Ltd.

- Jesmond Park Academy black/red badged rugby top
 Or black/red badged polo shirt
- Optional – Jesmond Park Academy red/black fleece top
- Optional – Black tracksuit bottoms
- Optional – Black base layer top

From anywhere

- Sturdy trainers (not plimsolls or fashion/leisure shoes)
- Plain black shorts or plain black tracksuit bottoms
- Plain red football socks
- Football boots with moulded studs only

Ordering Uniform

It is strongly recommended that you order any uniform items required before the end of July.

- All uniform can be ordered on line from
- www.michaelsehgal.co.uk
- sales@michaelsehgal.co.uk
- Or in person from
- Michael Sehgal & Sons Ltd
- Unit 17 Airport Industrial Estate
- Kingston Park
- NE3 2EF
- Tel: 0191 230 2320.

Pre Owned Uniform

For those of you that would prefer to use pre-owned uniform for financial or environmental reason we will be hosting our pre-owned uniform night on Tuesday 14th July from 3pm – 5pm at Jesmond Park Academy

Once your child has enrolled at JPA you will be able to request pre-owned uniform via the school website

Equipment

- All students must have a practical school bag large enough for school files (A4)
- Mobile phones must be switched off and in their school bag
- All students must have a pencil case
- All students must have a black or blue pen, red pen pencil, rubber, and ruler
- A full recommended equipment list is on our website.
- All students must carry their school planner at all times

Travel to School – Plan the Journey



Bus

60s, 37, 38, 18

Walk

Cycle

Metro



Car

Car drop off/pick up
recommended at rear
entrance
(Jesmond Park West)

Communication

- Key Staff you will get to know
 - Form tutor
 - Subject teachers/Heads of Department
 - Mr McLaughlin– Head of Year
 - Mr Brown– Year Manager
 - Mr Bolam – Year Manager (7-9)
 - Mrs Dowling – Head of Key Stage 3
 - Senior Leadership Team
- Meet the Form Tutor
- Regular feedback on progress
- Parents evening
- End of year report
- Home page of our website.
- Letters and key information is sent via text and email

Other interesting information in your transition guide booklet.....

- Learning Support
- Wellbeing Centre
- The curriculum
- Lunchtime menus
- Parental VLE
- Attendance information

PRAISE CODE

PRAISE Code

- Our principle aim is to encourage high expectations and high standards of achievement, both academic and personal.
- We believe that a calm, friendly, disciplined atmosphere, in which hard work and co-operation are respected and rewarded, is the best way to achieve this aim.
- Poor behaviour is unacceptable in this school and will not be tolerated.
- The school will do what is reasonably practicable to eliminate poor behaviour and to support those who need help.
- Equally, the school will reward and celebrate the achievements of those that achieve high standards, whether those are in relation to their academic potential or in their attitude and conduct.

PRAISE Code

The Student Planner

- On arrival at Jesmond Park Academy your child will be given a student planner.
- This is their passport into the school.
- They must carry it with them at all times.
- The Student Planner is used to record Praise Stamps and behaviour planner comments.
- Students are not allowed into lessons without it.

PRAISE Code

The Rewards System

- Ongoing departmental reward system
- Each department has their own style of stamp.
- It is expected that all good work will be rewarded with a stamp, very good work with two stamps and excellent work with three stamps.
- Students who have worked in lessons and been ON TASK, ON TIME, ON SIDE should receive at least one stamp per lesson.

PRAISE Code

The Rewards System

- Form Tutor Stamps
- Each week 3 stamps are issued by form tutors for students who have a clean sheet (no planner comments the previous week) and the planner signed by the parent/guardian. They **MUST** have both.
- Students are referred to attached members of the Senior Leadership Team for special praise as appropriate and are given stamps by the members of the Senior Leadership Team and the Head of School on a weekly basis.

21**Monday**

Lundi
Montag
Lunes
Dun

22**Tuesday**

Mardi
Dienstag
Martes
Mawrth

23**Wednesday**

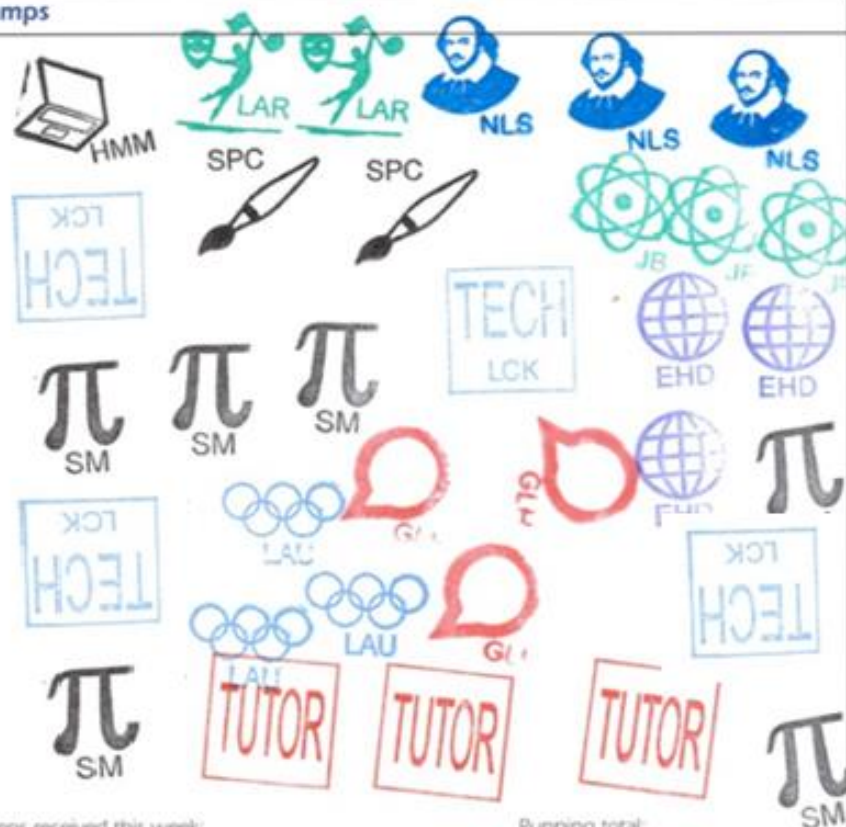
Mercredi
Mittwoch
Miercoles
Mercher

24**Thursday**

Jeudi
Donnerstag
Jueves
Lau

25**Friday**

Vendredi
Freitag
Viernes
Gwenerw

Stamps

Stamps received this week: _____

Running total: _____

Parent/Carer & Teacher Comments

Parent/Carer Signature

Tutor Signature

PRAISE Code

Ongoing Certificates

A record is kept by the tutor of how many stamps have been earned and students receive certificates for their achievement:

Bronze Award

Silver Award

Gold Award

Platinum Award

Diamond Award

Certificate of Achievement Award

Diploma of Outstanding Achievement Award

Principal's Special Award

Principal's Outstanding Achievement Award

Principal's Exceptional Achievement Award

Congratulations

On achieving your Bronze Award
for gaining 500 stamps



PRAISE Code

Termly Rewards

- Students reaching the end of term targets for stamps will be rewarded on the last day of each term.



PRAISE Code

End of Term and end of Year Rewards

- End of term and end of year rewards are given to students with the highest number of stamps.



Planner Comments

Planner
comment
code

Date of
issue

Staff initials

Stamps received this week: Running total:

Parent/Carer & Teacher Comments

H111/7 GFI	Business	

Parent/Carer Signature Tutor Signature

Lesson /
Location

PRAISE Code

Planner comments are counted every Monday by your child's Form Tutor and may lead to detention.

Detentions are held every Friday and vary in length, depending on the number of planner comments received during the previous week.

- 3-5 planner comments = 1 hour
- 6-8 planner comments = 1hour 20mins
- 9-11 planner comments = 1 hour 40mins
- 12 planner comments = 2hrs

- Most students do not end up in detention!
- Please avoid medical/dental appointments on a Friday. We would require proof.

PRAISE Code

Staff decision is final

Students expected to do as they are asked

FIRST TIME – EVERY TIME

The Student Experience

A few words from our
students about
how they have
settled into Year 7
this academic year.

And finally, before you leave

- Make sure that you have a copy of this evening's transition guide booklet
- Please make sure that you have signed in at the front entrance
- If you have not returned your child's registration booklet, please do so this evening
- New free school meal applications need to be made online through the city council website.

Staff will be available now in the main hall and corridor to answer any questions.

Please return your feedback questionnaire about the evening on exit.

We look forward to seeing all of our new Year 7 students for their transition days on 9th and 10th of July and back for the first school day of the new school year on

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

8:20am at the latest....!