


# St. Patrick's High School Keady



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## Year 8 Induction Booklet

#2024/2025



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Summary





## Principal's Welcome

Dear Year 8 Pupil,  
It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to St Patrick's High School and I am delighted that you have chosen our school for your Post-Primary education. St Patrick's High School, as a Catholic and La Sallian school places great emphasis on our Christian values of inclusion, mutual respect, truth and justice. You belong to a community where we are proud of our students and all they stand for. The student voice is actively promoted, listened to and heard.



## Transition

I am delighted to welcome you to St Patrick's High School. I am really looking forward to supporting you at such a crucial stage in your school career.

Transition from primary to secondary school can be both an exciting and daunting time for children, so we at St Patrick's endeavour to make it as enjoyable and as smooth as possible for everyone. I want to reassure you that there isn't anything to worry about. I'm sure you will adapt to school life very quickly and that you will make some fantastic, new friends along the way.



## Head of Year

I am delighted that you will be joining in September. This is just the beginning of an exciting and rewarding journey with us.

At St. Patrick's, we value every pupil and believe that everyone has a positive contribution to make to the life of the School. Therefore I encourage all of our young people to avail of the excellent opportunity provided for learning inside and outside the classroom.

I look forward to welcoming you in to the St. Patrick's Community.



# High Five

## Our Key Rules



1

We will respect ourselves, others and our environment

2

We will move around the school on the left and in an orderly manner

We will be prepared to work to the best of our ability, in every class

3

We will ensure our appearance is appropriate for our school

4

We will listen to learn and learn to listen

5

# Year 8 Form Teachers



MISS MCCLURRY



MRS FINNEGAN



MISS HOLLAHAN



MISS HARTE



MISS MCARDLE



MISS DONNELLY

“Our Daily Mission is **Excellence Every Day for Every Child.**

As a Catholic school in partnership with parents and the community, St. Patrick’s seeks to provide children of all abilities with a secure, caring, stimulating and happy environment founded on values of hard work, personal integrity and quality learning and where all students are encouraged to develop their talents and character and to contribute positively to home, school, church and society.”



# CLASS NAMES



# Arriving on your first day...

YOU WILL BE WELCOMED BY MR FURPHY,  
MRS O'CONNOR AND YOUR FORM TEACHER.

YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT  
KNOWING YOUR WAY AROUND THE SCHOOL  
ON THE FIRST DAY; YOUR FORM TEACHER  
WILL STAY WITH YOUR CLASS ALL DAY AND  
SHOW YOU AROUND THE BUILDING.

YOU WILL BE GIVEN YOUR TIMETABLE SO  
YOU WILL KNOW WHAT SUBJECTS YOU HAVE  
EACH DAY.

ON YOUR FIRST DAY, MONDAY 2ND  
SEPTEMBER, YOU WILL HAVE:  
**FORM CLASS** FOR PART OF THE DAY AND  
THEN;  
**FOLLOW YOUR TIMETABLE** FOR THE REST  
OF THE DAY.



# SCHOOL DAY

8.50AM > 3.15 PM



Registration	8:50—9:00
Period 1	9:00—9:40
Period 2	9:40—10:20
Break	10:20—10:35
Period 3	10:35—11:15
Period 4	11:15—11:55
Lunch	11:55—12:35
Period 6	12:35—1:15
Period 7	1:15—1:55
Period 8	1:55—2:35
Period 9	2:35—3:15



A BELL WILL RING WHEN IT'S TIME TO CHANGE CLASS

Excellence Every Day for Every Child





## GIRLS

Years 8 - 12 inclusive

- ▶ Inverted 4-pleat grey, knee length skirt (compulsory for All students).
- ▶ Pale blue blouse.
- ▶ School Clip-on tie.
- ▶ Maroon sweater (winter months).
- ▶ Maroon tights (all-year round).
- ▶ School Blazer
- ▶ Black Shoes (No Trainers/Canvas).

# School Uniform



## BOYS

Years 8 - 12 inclusive

- ▶ Black trousers.
- ▶ Pale blue shirt.
- ▶ School Clip-on tie.
- ▶ Maroon sweater (winter months).
- ▶ Grey/black socks.
- ▶ School blazer.
- ▶ Black shoes (no trainers/canvas).





# Physical Education

## Boys

Blue/maroon short sleeved jersey with school crest  
Navy shorts  
St Patrick's sports socks  
St Patrick's half zip (optional)  
Trainers and football boots  
Towel  
Mouth guard is recommended for contact games

## Girls

Blue/maroon short sleeved jersey with school crest  
Trainers/football boots when needed  
St Patrick's sport socks  
Towel  
Mouth guard is recommended for contact sports  
Navy shorts or leggings  
Optional (if available from suppliers) Navy Skort

**Please label all PE kit with pupil's name**  
**No jewellery should be worn in PE classes**

**\*Available from [www.oneills.com](http://www.oneills.com)\***

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# General Appearance

1. PUPILS MAY WEAR ONLY ONE PAIR OF SMALL STUD EARRINGS, ONE IN EACH EARLOBE ONLY, AND A SIGNET RING. FACIAL AND TONGUE JEWELLERY IS FORBIDDEN.

2. IN THE INTERESTS OF HEALTH AND SAFETY, THE HEELS OF GIRLS SHOES SHOULD BE NO HIGHER THAN 1.5"/3.75CM.

3. REGULATIONS REGARDING MAKEUP:

- I. MAKEUP, INCLUDING NAIL VARNISH, IS DEEMED INAPPROPRIATE AND IS THEREFORE FORBIDDEN.
- II. FAKE TAN IS DEEMED INAPPROPRIATE AND SHOULD NOT BE WORN.

4. PUPILS SHOULD ALWAYS ENDEAVOUR TO HAVE A HIGH STANDARD OF PERSONAL APPEARANCE AND PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO PERSONAL HYGIENE.

5. HAIR MUST ALWAYS BE CLEAN, NEAT AND TIDY; UNNATURAL HAIR COLOURS/EXTENSIONS ARE NOT PERMITTED.

6. BLAZERS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES EXCEPT WHEN IN THE CLASSROOM.

*"CORRECT SCHOOL UNIFORM DEMONSTRATES RESPECT AND PRIDE, DISPLAYS NEATNESS AND PROVES A WILLINGNESS TO CONFORM WITH AUTHORITY AND RAISE STANDARDS."*

# Year 8 Curriculum 2024/2025



ART	ENGLISH
GEOGRAPHY	HISTORY
ICT	LEARNING FOR LIFE & WORK
MATHEMATICS	MODERN LANGUAGES
MUSIC	PHYSICAL EDUCATION
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	SCIENCE
TECHNOLOGY & DESIGN	HOME ECONOMICS



# Our Catholic Ethos



*"St. Patrick's, is a Lasallian school and seeks to make the vision of Jean Baptist de la Salle a lived experience."*

**HUMAN & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**TEACHING AS A VOCATION**

**IN & BY ASSOCIATION**



Five Truths of a La Salle School



**THE LASALLIAN SCHOOL IS OUTWARD LOOKING**

**GOSPEL VALUES**

# Break & Lunch Time



AT BREAK TIME (10:20AM - 10:35AM) EACH DAY YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SOCIALISE WITH YOUR FRIENDS. IF THE WEATHER IS GOOD, YEAR 8 PUPILS GO OUTSIDE TO THE GLAZED COURTYARD. WHEN IT IS RAINING, YOU WILL HAVE YOUR BREAK IN THE STUDIO.

LUNCH: 11:55AM - 12:35PM  
THE SCHOOL DINING HALL PROVIDES A WIDE RANGE OF FOOD FROM LASAGNE, CHICKEN CURRY AND IRISH STEW TO TREATS SUCH AS PANINI, SAUSAGES, AND CHIPS. A SALAD COUNTER PROVIDES FRESH SALADS, WRAPS AND FRUIT.

AT ST. PATRICK'S WE USE A 'CASHLESS' DINING HALL SYSTEM.

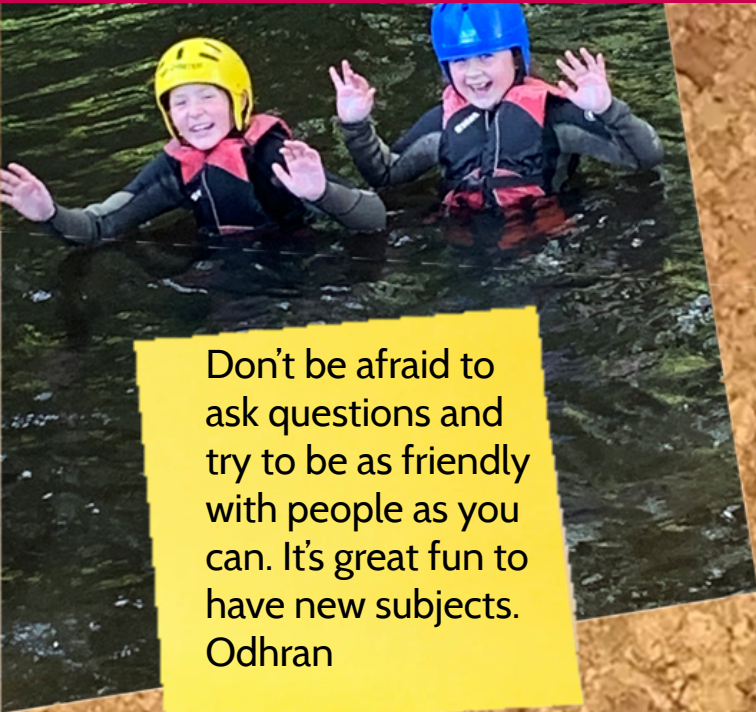
PARENTS WILL BE ABLE TO TOP UP THEIR CHILD'S DINNER ACCOUNT USING OUR NEW ONLINE CASHLESS SYSTEM - SCHOOLCOMMS.

FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED.

**Schoolcomms**  
all together, smarter



# What our current Year 8 pupils say...



Don't be afraid to ask questions and try to be as friendly with people as you can. It's great fun to have new subjects.  
Odhran

It's very easy to make friends, learning is easy when you listen to your teachers. Also the food you make in home economics is delicious  
Shane

**IT'S OK TO BE NERVOUS! JOINING KEADY H.S. YOU WILL MAKE FRIENDS. SOME OF THE SUBJECTS YOU WILL BE DOING ARE SCIENCE AND HOME ECONOMICS... ALL THE TEACHERS ARE NICE!**

**CIARAN**



The staff are really helpful, if you get lost someone will help you find your class. Making friends is also really easy.

Sorcha

Don't be nervous, you'll make new friends easily and learn new subjects. Don't be afraid to ask questions. The teachers are nice!  
Cahir



On the first day you don't need to be worried because your Form Teacher is there and you will make new friends from many other schools.  
Caoimhe

If you ever need help or can't figure something out, ask a member of staff or a pupil and don't be afraid of sounding silly!

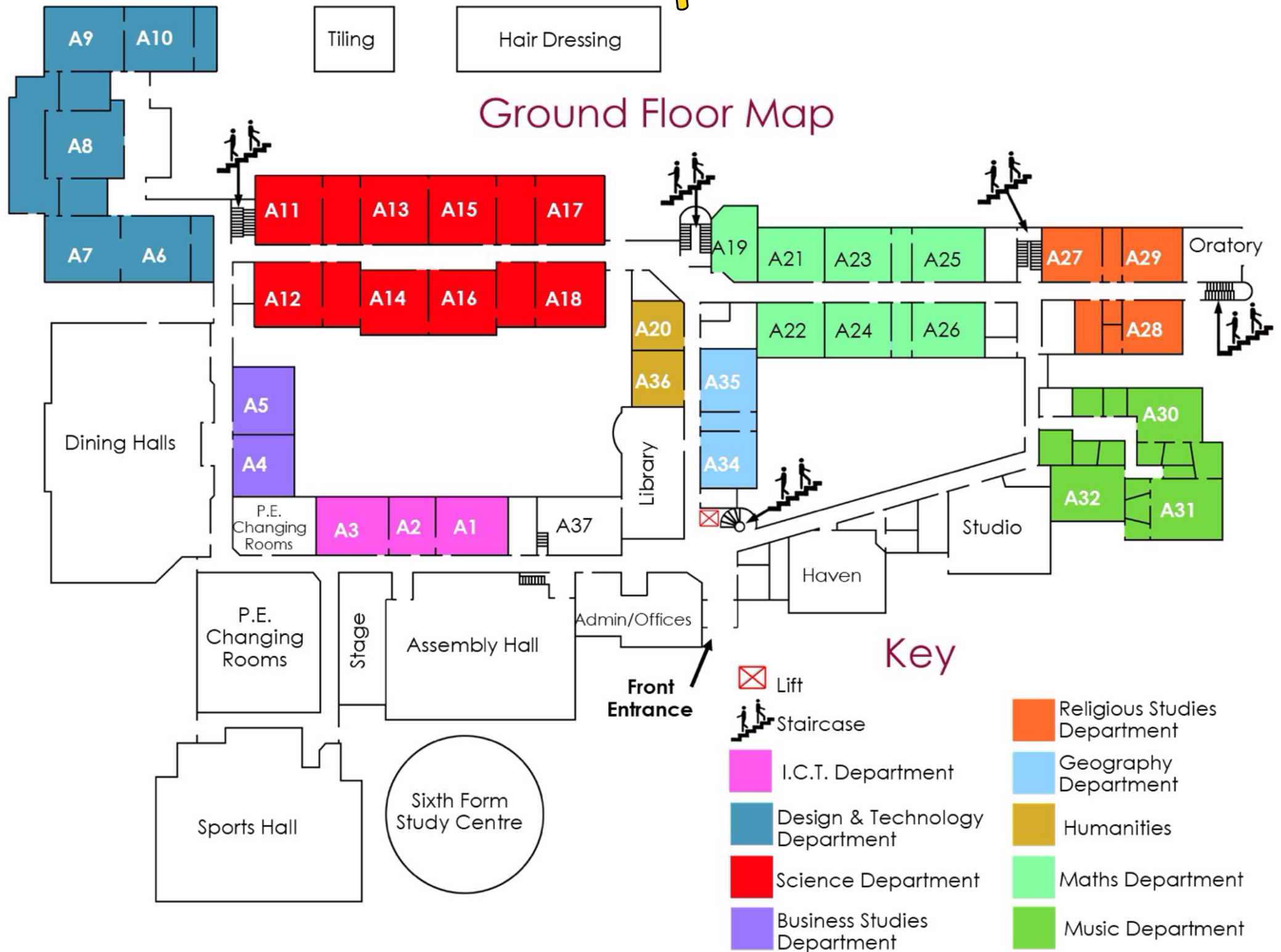
Grainne

When you first come into the school you might be worried but there are lots of people to help you.

Fabian



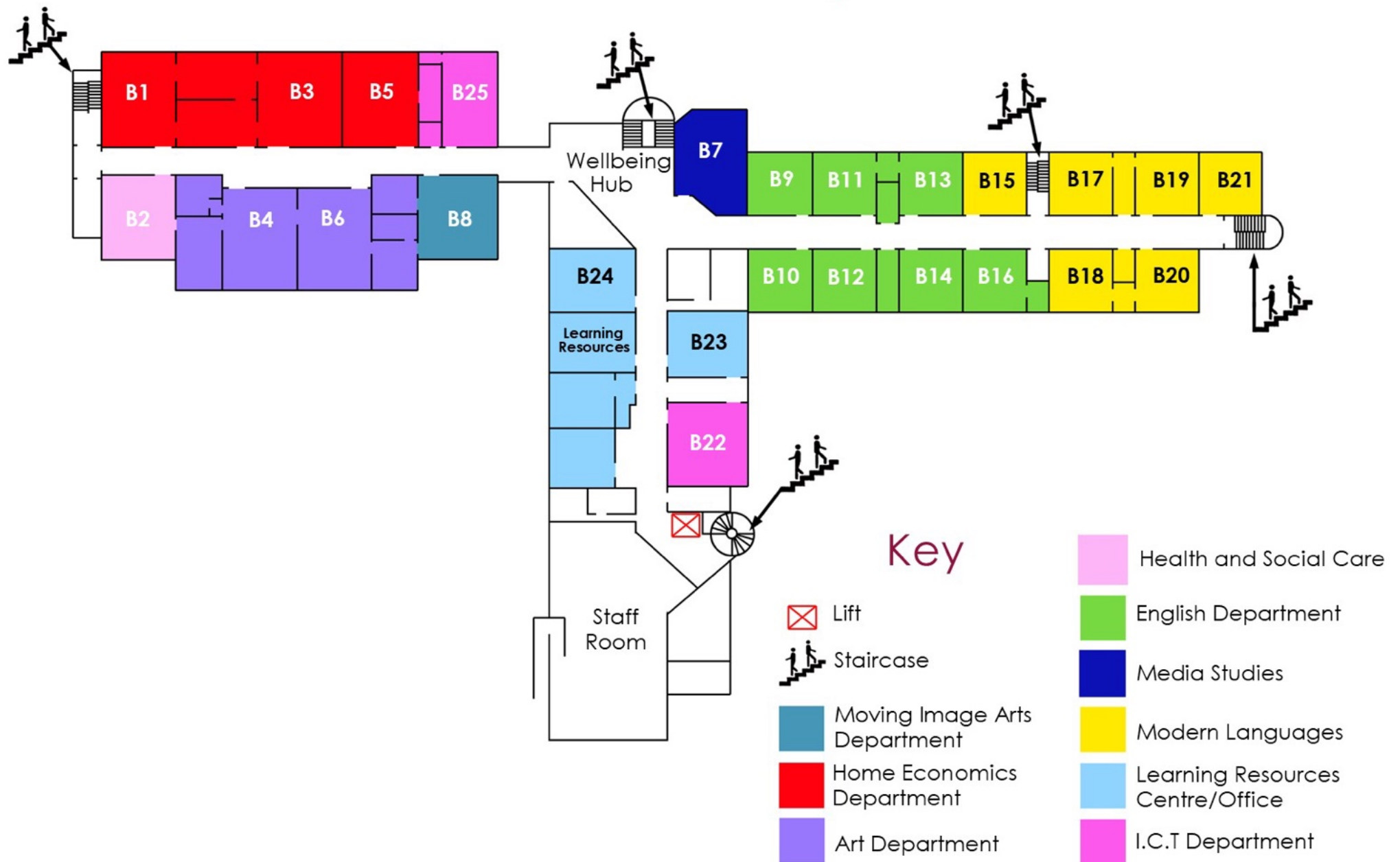
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## First Floor Map



## Key tasks for pupils

*Recording homework in homework diary;*

*Making sure you have everything you need to do the homework.*

*Remember to take the homework to school on the correct day.*

*Making sure homework is done for the correct day.*



## Tips for Parents

*Establish a routine for homework with your child. The best time is after a short break when your child returns from school: get it out of the way early and leave the rest of the evening free.*

*Agree with your child that TV, playing sport, Youth Club, phone-calls etc., will only be allowed after homework is completed.*

*Encourage your child to unpack and pack his/ her bag in an organised way.*

*Sign your child's homework.*

*Encourage your child to record homework carefully. Pupils will not always remember what is said in class and should write it down clearly in their planner.*



## Remember...

**STUDENTS WHO REGULARLY COMPLETE HOMEWORK ARE MORE SUCCESSFUL IN EXAMS. PRESENTATION IS IMPORTANT. ALWAYS DO YOUR HOMEWORK AS CAREFULLY AS YOU CAN. REWARD YOURSELF FOR WORKING HARD.**