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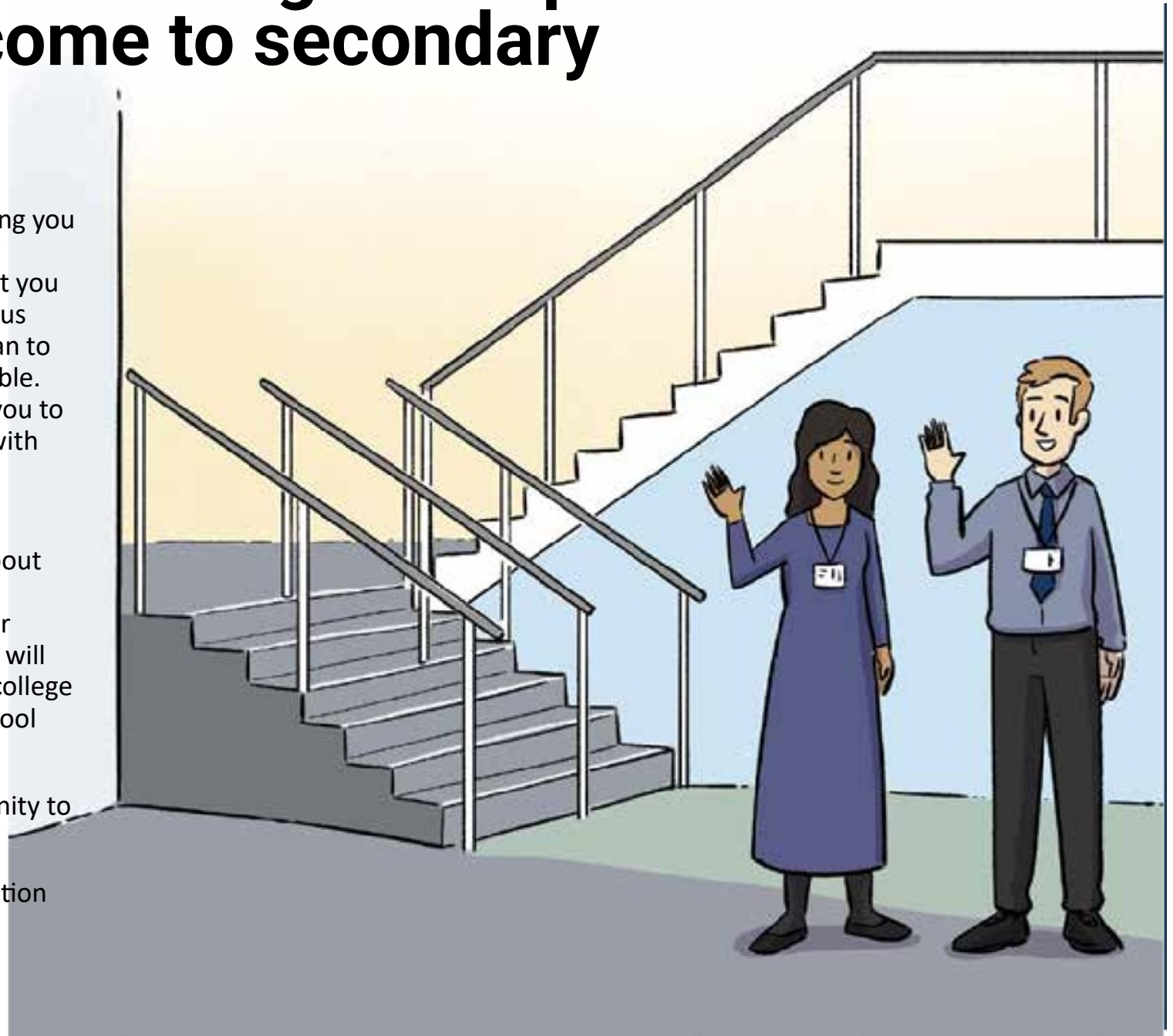
# How will Marsden Heights help me to get ready to come to secondary school?

We are all looking forward to welcoming you to MHCC. We understand that starting secondary school is a big step, and that you may be feeling both excited and nervous right now. We will do everything we can to make your move to us as easy as possible. We have created this booklet to help you to know what to expect when you start with us.

Your parents/carers may have already attended a special meeting to learn about the school. You will also attend two dedicated days, to help you prepare for starting Year 7. During these days, you will meet your new teachers, explore the college building and learn more about the school and what to expect in September.

Some pupils may also get the opportunity to attend a summer school.

You will also find lots of useful information on the college's website.



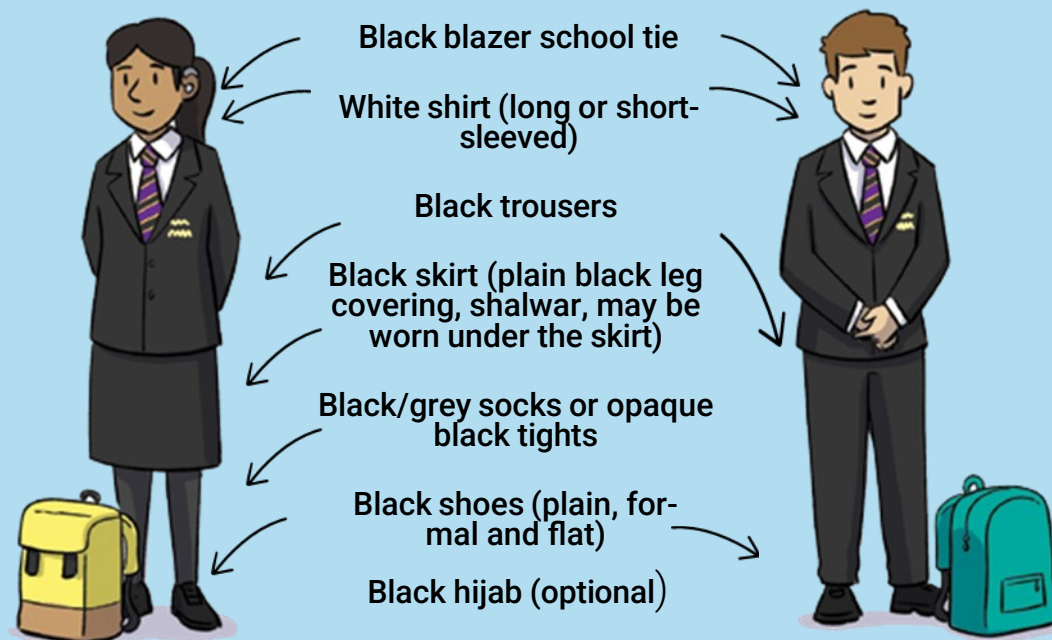
# How should I prepare for my first day?

We are very proud of our uniform at MHCC and we have high expectations of presentation.

As well as the uniform detailed below, as there can be a lot of cold and wet weather, a plain, dark-coloured coat is also required.

You will need to wear your PE kit to school with your blazer on days where you have PE. You will need the following uniform for PE:

- **MHCC PE shirt**
- **Black jogging bottoms or leggings**
- **Trainers**



You will need a sensible bag to fit A4 books and folders and you will need the following equipment:

- **2 black pens (no blue pens)**
- **2 green pens**
- **2 pencils**
- **30cm clear plastic ruler**
- **Large clear plastic pencil case**
- **Eraser**
- **Highlighter**
- **Whiteboard pen**
- **Protractor**
- **Sharpener**
- **Casio FX-85GTX scientific calculator**



We will provide your parents/carers with a full uniform, and PE and equipment list. You can also get more information on our uniform guidelines, and where to order it, on our website.

Make sure that everything **has your name on it**, including your uniform, so things can be returned to you easily if they are mislaid.

# What happens in my first week at MHCC?

Before you start with us, plan ahead and make sure you know how long your walk or journey to school will take.

When you arrive on your first day, you will be greeted at reception by teachers and pupil leaders who will tell you where you need to go and what you need to do.

***You don't need to worry, there will be plenty of people around to help you.***

You will then spend some time with your progress group and progress tutor, and you will receive your planner and timetable.

The first few days are called 'The MHCC Way'. This is a special timetabled week, created to help you settle into the college and feel more at home.



You will learn where things are, meet lots of different teachers, including the Headteacher, and get to know your new classmates. It's a great way to begin your exciting journey with us.

Everyone at the school knows what the first day feels like, so we all do as much as possible to help you feel welcome and settle in.

***You will find  
everyone at MHCC  
friendly and  
welcoming!***



# What does the college day look like?

Every day there are six periods for your lessons. There is also a break and lunchtime, plus every pupil can get a free breakfast at our Breakfast Club—every week.

There are different classrooms for lessons but most of your lessons will be in the Year 7 Zone of the building. You will soon get used to finding your way around.

Our college day looks like this:

## **Arrival**

8.30 - Pupils escorted to check-in time

8.50 – 10.30 - Period 1 & 2

## **Break**

10.45 – 12.25 - Period 3 & 4

## **Lunch & Reading**

1.25 – 3.05 - Period 5 & 6



You will learn new subjects and you will also build on what you have learnt before in subjects you have already studied.

You will study a wide variety of subjects, including:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- History
- Geography
- Religious Education
- Drama
- PE
- Spanish
- Art
- Computing



You will also have the opportunity to attend our Forest School, where you will learn how to build fires and bake bread.

MHCC is a reading school. We believe reading is very important, so we dedicate half an hour per day to reading, either before or after lunch.

# What is expected of me?

We have three core MHCC values, which are followed by all staff and pupils.

## Hard Work

We believe that throughout our lives we need to have the right work ethic. We work to the very best of our ability in everything that we do. We believe that we do not give up, but that we think round the problems we face. We are resilient and we persevere so that with help, support and teamwork, we can find the solutions. We know that the work we put in now will help us climb our own personal mountains to ensure that we can be successful at university and in life.

## Trust

We all need to place our trust in others. We recognise that this can sometimes make us vulnerable. With trust comes great responsibility and we trust both staff and pupils to behave with integrity and to treat each other with kindness and with respect. We expect that same level of behaviour both inside and outside of MHCC, as we are rightly very proud of our college.

## Fairness

We believe that everyone deserves opportunities to be the best that they can be. We realise that we are individuals and that we do not all start at the same point in life. We do not believe that a pupil needs to fit *in* with MHCC– we feel that they need to fit *with* MHCC. We value our differences, and we accept that we are all valued and valuable.



# We also have a set of MHCC expectations for our pupils. We want you to be:

- **Ambitious** – to achieve the best
- **Confident** – to have the courage of your convictions and to take risks in the right cause
- **Creative** – to imagine possibilities and make them real
- **Respectful** – in all that you do
- **Enthusiastic** – to seek opportunity, find what is good and pursue your talents and interests
- **Determined** – to overcome obstacles and reach success
- We are one big community at MHCC, so it is important that we are all kind and helpful to each other.

## Rewards

We believe in celebrating the successes and achievements of our pupils, so we have the following rewards:

- earning points in lessons
- celebration assemblies
- Hot Chocolate Heroes
- assembly shout-outs from teachers
- Class Heroes
- reward trips throughout the year
- prizes awarded for good work, behaviour and achievements

## Pastoral Care

If you have any concerns, or need any extra help or support, please talk to your progress tutor or progress head who will be happy to help.

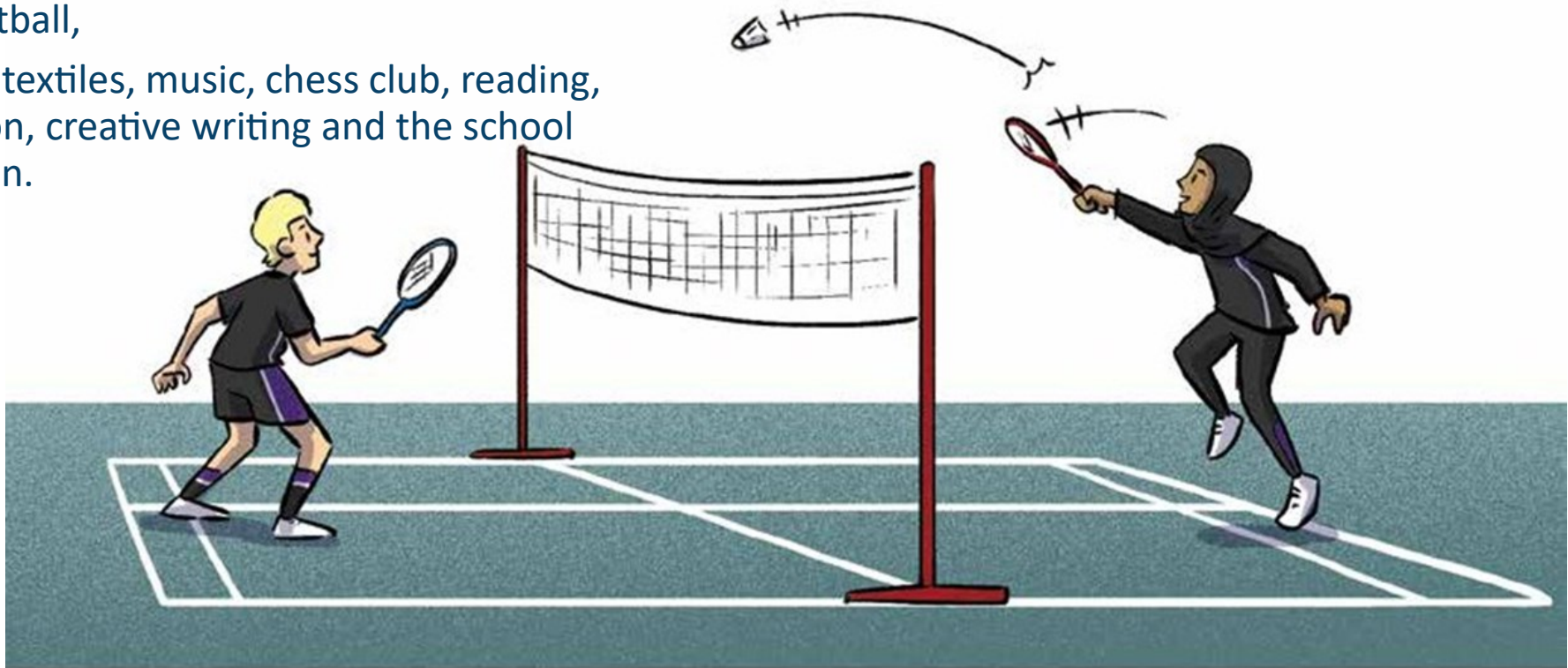


# What extra-curricular activities can I take part in?

We have a wide variety of trips, clubs, activities and charity fundraising that you can take part in. These are a great way for you to make new friends, have fun and develop lots of new skills.

Our clubs take place at lunchtimes and after school, and include: art, football, cricket, rugby, netball, eco-club, textiles, music, chess club, reading, badminton, creative writing and the school production.

We love to listen to our pupils and we will try our best to create clubs and activities that you want, so please do share your ideas with us.



# Community Activities

We also do lots of fundraising work at MHCC, this is part of our school values. Through this work, we support both local and global issues.

You can also be a part of our youth and community team, who put on additional fun activities after school and at the weekend.

If you are interested in leadership, there is also the opportunity to become a pupil ambassador.

***There is something for everyone to get involved in at MHCC, so don't hold back – join in!***



# *Dream, believe and achieve at* **Marsden Heights Community College.**



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