

## RUTLISH SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

### FAQs

1. Year 7 intake	There are 240 students in each cohort in eight tutor groups. These tutor groups are assigned to one of the school's 8 Houses: <a href="#">Rutlish School - House System</a>
2. Admissions criteria	Please see Merton Admissions webpages: <a href="#">Secondary school applications (merton.gov.uk)</a>
3. Catchment area	Our catchment area is approximately two miles: <a href="#">Admissions and appeals data for recent years (merton.gov.uk)</a>
4. Primary school information	The school has access to the KS2 test information which is supplemented by information from each primary school.
5. CATs test	Cognitive Ability Tests take place during September once students join the school.
6. Mixed ability learning and setting	Students are taught in their mixed ability tutor groups for the first term. English, Mathematics and Science subjects are set following this settling in period. Other subjects are set as your child moves up through the school.
7. Communication with the Form Tutor	To communicate with the form tutor, or any member of staff, a note can be written in your child's planner. Alternatively, send an email via <a href="mailto:administration@rutlish.merton.sch.uk">administration@rutlish.merton.sch.uk</a>
8. Curriculum	Please go to the curriculum section of the website for specific subject information. <a href="#">Rutlish School - Curriculum</a> <a href="#">Rutlish School - Subject Information</a>
9. Science teaching	Science is taught as three separate subjects: Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Students will be given a different exercise book for each subject.
10. Combined or Triple Science	Combined Science is worth 2 GCSEs. Students sit two x 1 hour 15 minute exams for each subject: Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Triple Science is worth 3 GCSEs. Students sit two x 1 hour 45 minute exams for each subject: Biology, Chemistry and Physics.  Science teachers will guide students towards combined or triple science during Year 10. This information will be shared with parents.  Approximately 80-100 students enter triple science each year; the remaining 140 enter combined science.
11. Water bottles	We have five water fountains situated around the site. Students can refill bottles at break, lunch time and after school.
12. PE kit	Students will need to wear the Rutlish PE kit which is available from the school. Full details can be found on our website: <a href="#">Rutlish School - Uniform</a>  Students change at school for PE lessons and sports clubs.  Gum shields should be brought in a clean container. Students may wear plain navy blue or black base layers under their kit in cold weather.
13. Toilets	There are toilets in every block. Students are shown where these are during Induction Day.
14. Face coverings	Students may choose to wear a face covering if they wish to.

15. Home learning	<p>It is beneficial for students to have a laptop or computer for home learning. We use Microsoft office 365. Alternatively, students can complete work during homework clubs after school.</p> <p><a href="#">Rutlish School - Home Learning</a></p>
16. Enrichment and extra-curricular activities	<p>There is a wide variety of activities offered including sports, music, drama, Duke of Edinburgh award scheme and the Combined Cadet Force: <a href="#">Rutlish School - Enrichment</a></p> <p>The timetable for extra-curricular activities can be found on our website: <a href="#">Rutlish School - ExtraCurricular</a></p>
17. School Meals	<p>There is a variety of meals and snacks for students to purchase before school and at break and lunchtimes. We operate a cashless system.</p> <p>Students eligible for free school meals can also collect food at break and lunch times.</p> <p><a href="#">Rutlish School - School Meals</a></p>
18. Religious Education GCSE	<p>Religious Education is a national curriculum subject and we have to deliver this to all students up until the end of Year 11.</p> <p>The subject is a valuable part of the wider curriculum as it not only covers awareness of the major world religions but also moral, social and cultural development alongside personal development, well-being and other current issues.</p> <p>As it is a requirement for all maintained schools to deliver this subject, we believe that students should be rewarded for their learning hence why all students sit this as a GCSE qualification. This results in the majority of Rutlish students achieving 10 or more qualifications at the end of Key Stage 4 which is more than many other schools.</p>