

Starting in Year 7

We want each pupil to feel part of EGA as soon as possible and we do everything we can to reassure students and parents during the move from primary.

Shortly after you have received an offer of a place, your child will be invited to take some cognitive attainment tests, which enable us to offer her the right level of challenge and support as soon as she starts in September.

You will be invited into school for an admissions interview in June. During this interview, we will learn more about your child and you will be given a pack of details about the school, the uniform and asked to sign the EGA pledge, which explains what is expected of EGA students and how you can support our work.

We liaise with primary schools regarding each student's needs. We visit as many feeder primaries as possible to meet the girls coming to EGA and answer all their questions. We then decide which students will go into which teaching group and tutor groups, taking advice from primary teachers and ensuring that each group has a balance of different levels of achievement.

In July, students are invited in for a taster morning to meet their tutor, classmates, the Headteacher and other key staff. They will also sample some lessons.

Parents are invited to an evening meeting which gives you the chance to meet Heads of Year, Pastoral Managers and Subject Leaders, and to ask any questions you might have. We also share information about the Year 7 curriculum and how you can support your child's learning at home.

Our Summer School runs in the last few days of the summer holidays. This allows girls to take part in fun activities, make new friends, meet some of their future teachers and get to know their way around the building.

The first day of school in September is only for Year 7s, allowing them to settle in and learn their way around before the older girls arrive.

The most important person for each new student is their tutor. Students meet their tutor four days a week at tutor time and they are the best person to contact about any concerns. The Head of House or Pastoral Manager will also be happy to speak to parents should the need arise.

After your child has been at EGA for a month or so, you will be invited to meet your child's tutor and to ask questions about progress so far. Information will be given regarding baseline assessments and students' commitment to learning.

In November we organise a tea party for the girls' primary teachers to come to EGA to see how they are getting on. It is a lovely event, as by this point girls are fully settled in and so excited to show their teachers what they have been doing.