Transition Booklet
July 2020

Induction Booklet for Year 6's who will start at Backwell School in September 2020

Name:

Primary/Junior School:

Welcome to Backwell School

Dear Year 6

A very warm welcome to Backwell School and the Transition Booklet that we have created for you.

I know these are very difficult times for everybody throughout our communities, but it is particularly challenging for students who will be moving to new schools in September, just like you Year 6's. I know exactly how you are all feeling, as one of my sons is starting at a new school in September, so we are going through this transition process with him.

Unfortunately, it looks like we will not be able to have you come to visit Backwell School during Term 6, due to the guidelines and restrictions in place at the moment. So we have been looking at how we can help and support you in your transition to Backwell School. So, we have produced this Student Booklet for you to read through. In the booklet there are a few pages giving you some important information about our School, as well as a few little tasks for you to be doing. The tasks are aimed at getting you to think about how you are feeling about your move to Backwell and some questions that you will need to research by visiting our School website.

I hope you enjoy reading through the booklet and completing the tasks. I am really looking forward to meeting you all face to face as soon as we are able to do this.

Please take care of yourselves, your family and friends.

See you all soon!

Kind regards

Mr Stephens

Key Staff at Backwell School

Mr Nunes, Headteacher

Mr Stephens - Assistant Headteacher and Pastoral Lead Year 7

Ms Donnelly: Assistant Headteacher and SENCO

Mr Pritchard: Year 7 Deputy

Miss Cook: Year 7 Deputy

Mr Hooker: Year 7 Deputy

Mr Sills: Assistant Headteacher and Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Cheeseman: Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Former Backwell Year 7's Thoughts and Feelings ....

'Making new friends is really easy because there are so many new people to meet'
Lizzie, Court de Wyck Primary School

'When you join Backwell School people are happy to help you'
Ruby, Northleaze Primary

'All the staff and really kind.'
Joel, Kingshill Primary School

'Teachers are always there for you if you struggle – don't be afraid to ask.'
Hannah, St Francis Primary School

'The best things this year has been all the new and exciting opportunities I've had.'
Enya, Yatton Primary School

'It's a really fun school'
Ed, Fairfield Primary School

'You make lots of friends'
Josepha, Flax Bourton Primary School

'There are so many clubs and activities'
Eva, Kingshill

'Backwell has given me more responsibility and stuff to do'
Molly, Wraxall Primary School

'In Science you learn new things and do practical experiments.'
Milly, Backwell Junior School

The Normal School Day

Registration	**8.45 – 9.10**
Period 1	9.10 – 10.00
Period 2	10.00 – 10.50
Break	10.50 – 11.10
Period 3	11.10 – 12.00
Period 4	12.00 – 12.50
Lunch	12.50 – 1.50
Period 5	1.50 – 2.40
Period 6	2.40 – 3.25

The school day ends at 3.25 pm for Year 7, 8 and 9. The rest of the school finishes at 3.30 pm. All lessons are 50 minutes' long.

Below is an example of a Year 7 timetable. Pretend this is your timetable next year (it won't be, but just pretend it is!), and answer the questions below:

Timetable 7M2
as at 09/06/2020

	1Mon	1Tue	1Wed	1Thu	1Fri
REG	Mrs C Mason **Tutorial** H6	Mrs C Mason **Tutorial** H6	Mrs C Mason **Tutorial** H6	Mrs C Mason **Tutorial** H6	Mrs C Mason **Tutorial** H6
1	Mrs R Lavelle **Product Design** DT4	Mr M P Dods **Science** SC2	Miss J Burchell **Art** AR5	Miss H J Cook **French** ML6	Mr J C Presland **History** H4
2	Mrs R Lavelle **Product Design** DT4	Miss J Burchell **Art** AR5	Miss H J Cook **French** ML8	Mrs H Gocoul **English** CCR	Mr S Blakey **Maths** MA7
3	Mr M J Sales **Geog** GE1	Mrs D Hardiman **Phil& Reli** MCR	Mrs H Gocoul **English** CCR	Mr J C Presland **History** H4	Mrs F L Jessop **English** CCR
4	Miss H J Cook **French** ML4	Mr S Blakey **Maths** MA7	Mr M P Dods **Science** SC2	Mr M P Dods **Science** SC2	Mr J Cahill **IT** GIT
5	Mrs V S Cooper **Music** MU1	Mrs H Gocoul **English** CCR	Mr M J Sales **Geog** GE1	Mrs R C Lewis **Dance** SFD	Mrs D Hardiman **Phil& Reli** MCR
6	Mr J C Presland **History** H4	Mrs V S Cooper **Music** MU1	Mr P Stephens **Core PE**	Mr S Blakey **Maths** MA7	Mr A T Moore **Core PE**
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What subject do you have on Monday Period 3?	
Who is teaching you Maths on Friday Period 2?	
How many French lessons do you have in the week?	
Which room is History taught in?	
How many lessons do you have each day?	

Registration

Every morning you start the day off in your Tutor Group with your Tutor
This is a time to;

- ✓ Check planners and uniform
- ✓ Read in silence
- ✓ Go to Year 7 assembly (once per week)
- ✓ Exploring Personal, Social and Health Education topics (PSHE)
- ✓ Organise charity events
- ✓ Discuss issues for Backwell's student council

And much more …….

How will I get to school?

Start to think and plan about your journey to school each day:

How am I travelling to school?	
What time will I have to get up?	
What time will I have to leave home?	
How long will the journey take?	
What time will I arrive at Backwell School?	

What equipment should I have in my pencil case?

Write a list of the equipment you think you should have in your pencil case each day:

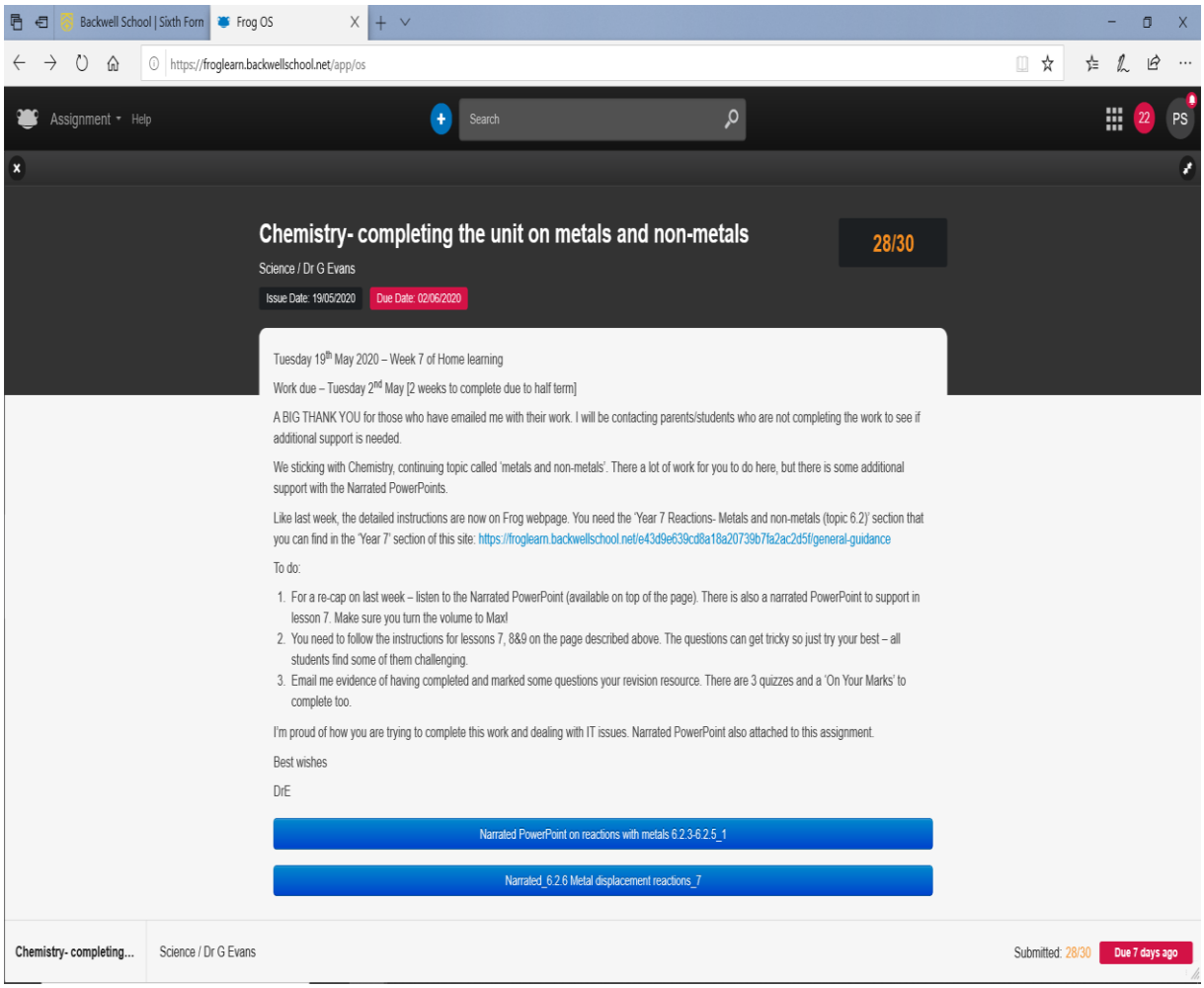
1 .....
2 .....
3 .....
4 .....
5 .....
6 .....
7 .....

Home Learning

Home Learning at Backwell is what most people know as Home Work. All your Home Learning tasks will be set on FROG, our student network. You should also write all homework down in your planners and hand it in on time. If you are unsure about your homework, please speak to your teacher when it is set or before it is due to be handed in.

In September you will have no Home Learning tasks for the first two weeks, this is to allow all students to settle into their lessons, before Home Learning starts. After two weeks you will then start to get Home Learning from our Core Subjects which are Maths, English and Science. As Term 1 then progresses other subjects will start to set their Home Learning tasks.

Below is a screen shot of some recently set Home Learning for a Year 7 Science lesson:



My Journey So Far

Life is a journey! Think back over your time at primary school and write down your favourite memories or events that have shaped you to become the amazing person that you are!

Your Thoughts on Transition

Please complete the questions below. They are aimed at getting you to think about your thoughts and feelings about starting at Backwell in September.

What are you looking forward to about starting at Backwell School?
What are your thoughts/feelings about leaving your Primary/Junior School?
Is there anything that is worrying about your start at Backwell? **YES / NO** If yes, please explain your concerns.

Please write a couple of interesting facts about yourself, which your new tutor can read.
What are your main interests and hobbies outside of school?
Think of a couple of questions you may want to ask your tutor on the first day at school in September.

Getting to know Backwell School

Backwell School has its own website that holds lots information about the school. To get to know more about our school we would like to visit our website at https://www.backwellschool.net/

Below we have given you a number of questions – all the answers can be found on our school website. So go onto the website and begin to navigate (move around) the website trying to find the answers to the questions. All the answers can be found in one of the seven tabs on the home screen. The tabs are called – Home, About, Information, Curriculum, Students, Sixth Form and Community. Under these seven tabs are sub headings which you will have to look through to find the answers.

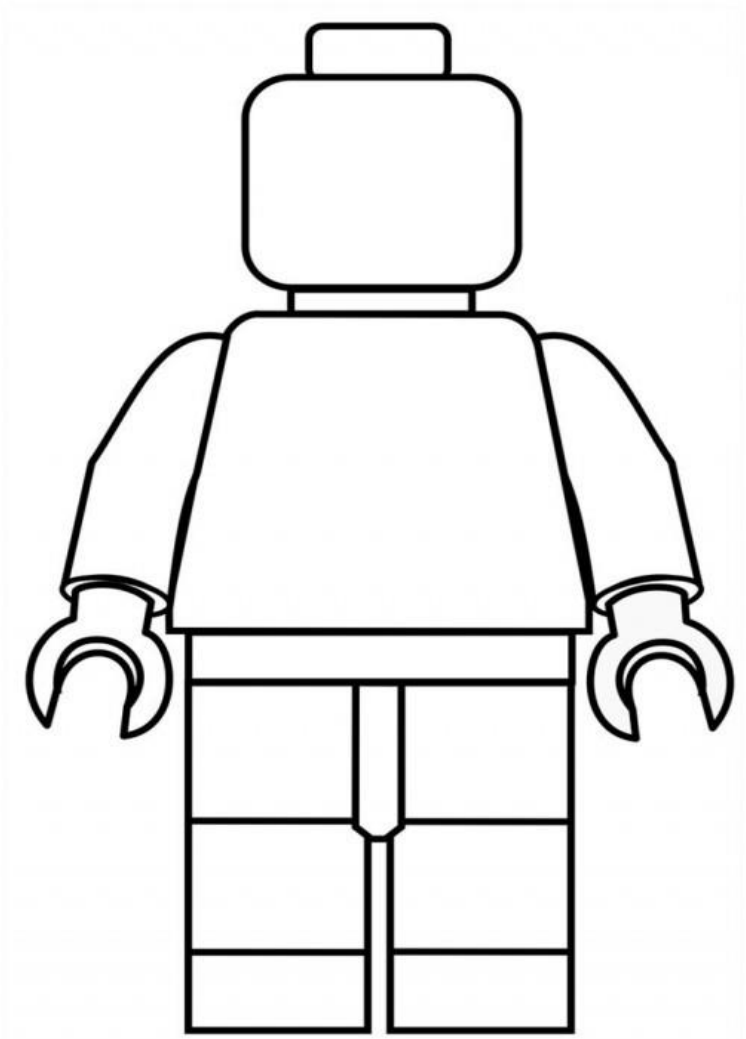
I will direct you to the correct tab to find the answer, then you have to look through each sub heading. **If you can't find any answers please don't worry, just leave the answer blank**. The important thing is to have a look around the website.

So now how a go at answering the questions in the table on the next page. Good luck!

Question	Answer
How many weekly video messages has Mr Nunes done? (Home)	
Which two other members of staff have done a weekly video message? (Home)	
What are the names of the five Assistant Headteachers ? (About)	
Who is the Assistant Headteacher in charge of Year 7 and Key Stage 3? (About)	
How much does a Belgian Waffle cost from school canteen? (Information)	
How much does a Cold Wrap cost from the school canteen? (Information)	
What new building are the school planning to build in the next 12 months? (Information)	
What are the names of the three ladies who work in the school library? (Curriculum)	
What time does the school library close on a Tuesday? (Curriculum)	
What percentage of GCSE students achieved a Grade 4 pass in English and Maths last year? (Curriculum)	
Who is the Careers Leader in school? (Students)	
Which teacher runs the Gospel Choir on a Friday in MU2? (Students)	
Who runs the Horrible History Club on a Wednesday lunchtime? (Students)	
What new skills can you learn with Mr Dods in his Skills Club on a Wednesday after school? (Students)	
How much does it cost to hire a school locker for the year? (Students)	
How much does it cost to hire the school's Sports Hall from 5.00 pm – 6.00 pm? (Community)	
What date was the Summer School – Explore@Backwell 2019? (Community)	

Looking Smart at Backwell School

At Backwell School we take pride in our school uniform and like to look smart at all times. Using the uniform page of the school website draw and label the school uniform you will wear at Backwell onto the Lego person below. Make sure you use the correct House colour for the stripe on the jumper and the collar of the polo shirt! You will have been told which House you are going to join.



Why is wearing the correct school uniform important?

Subjects at your New School

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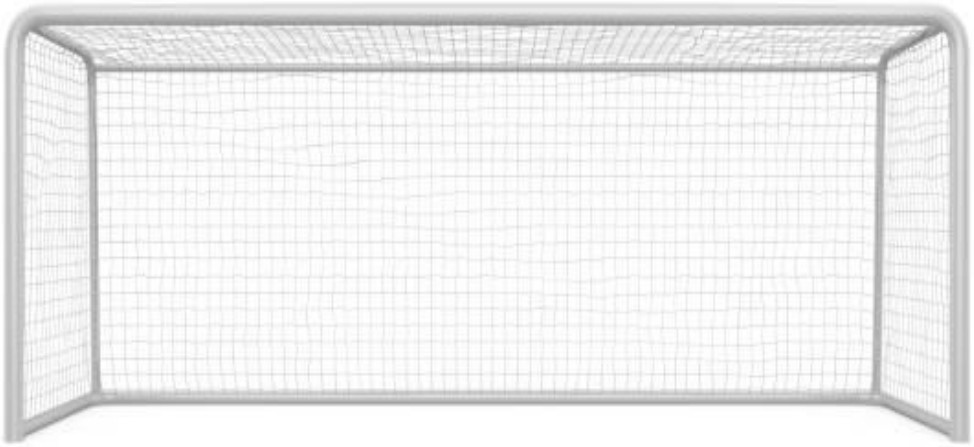
Maths	History	French	Spanish
English	Computing	Art	PE
Science	Music	Textiles	Assembly
Geography	Design Technology	Drama	Tutor Time

My goals for secondary schools

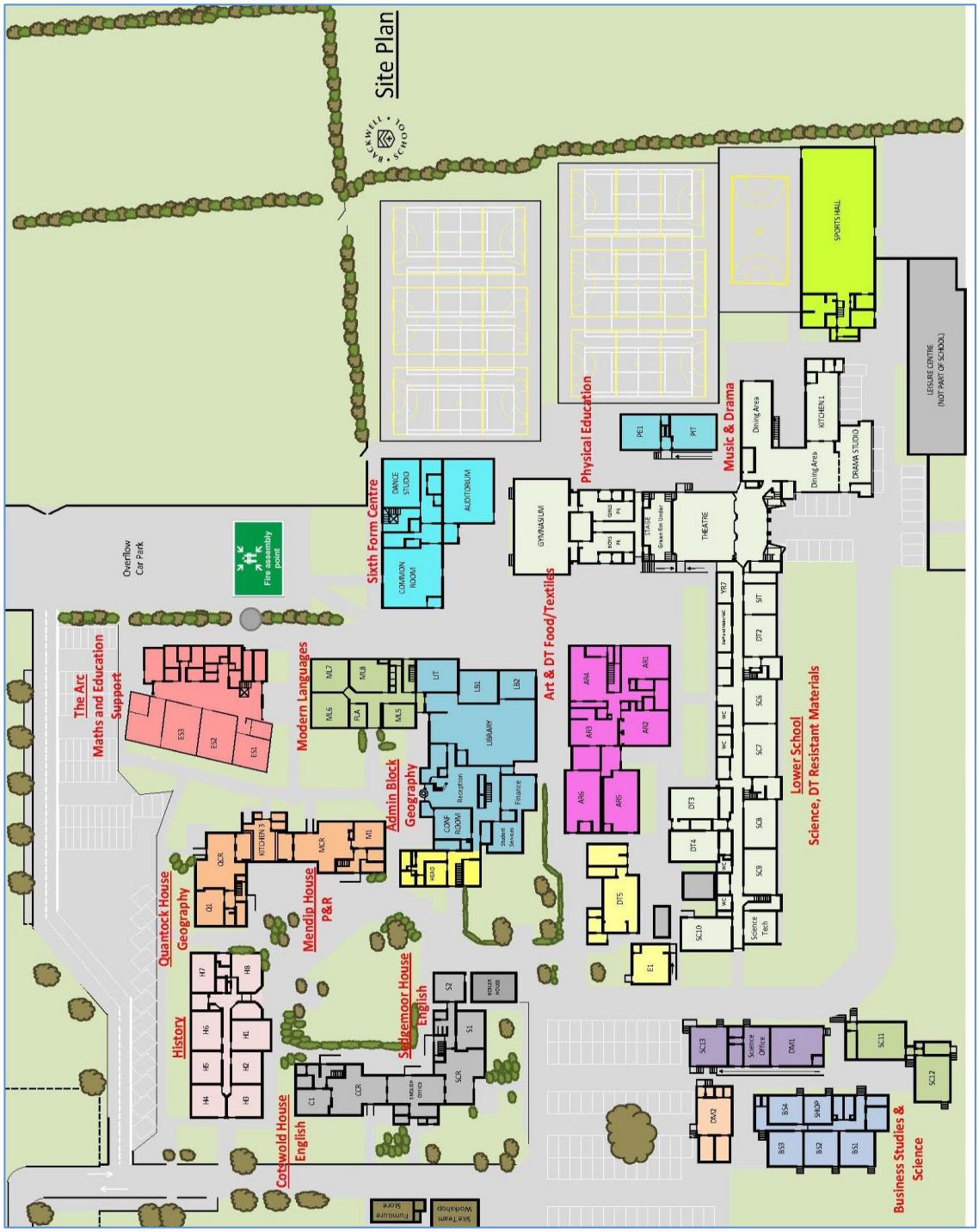
When you come to Backwell School you will learn a lot of new skills and improve skills that you have learnt in Primary School. In the goal below, use the list of suggestions to write in ten new skills or things you would like to build on in your years at secondary school, or maybe add some of your own!



Be in a school play or production	Speak another language	Cook a new meal from scratch
Learn to play a musical instrument	Travel to another country	Take part in a fancy dress day
Play for a school team	Learn how to manage money	Represent your school in a national competition
Read new books	Join one of the school's orchestras or groups	Raise money for charity
Become Head Student	Learn how to read a map	Join an after school club
Learn to dance	Learn First Aid	Use computers to make your own website
Make new friends from other schools	Improve your singing	Work as part of a team
Taste food from another country	Help look after the school vegetable garden	Create a piece of art

Where Am I? Map of the School

Ground Floor Classrooms and Areas



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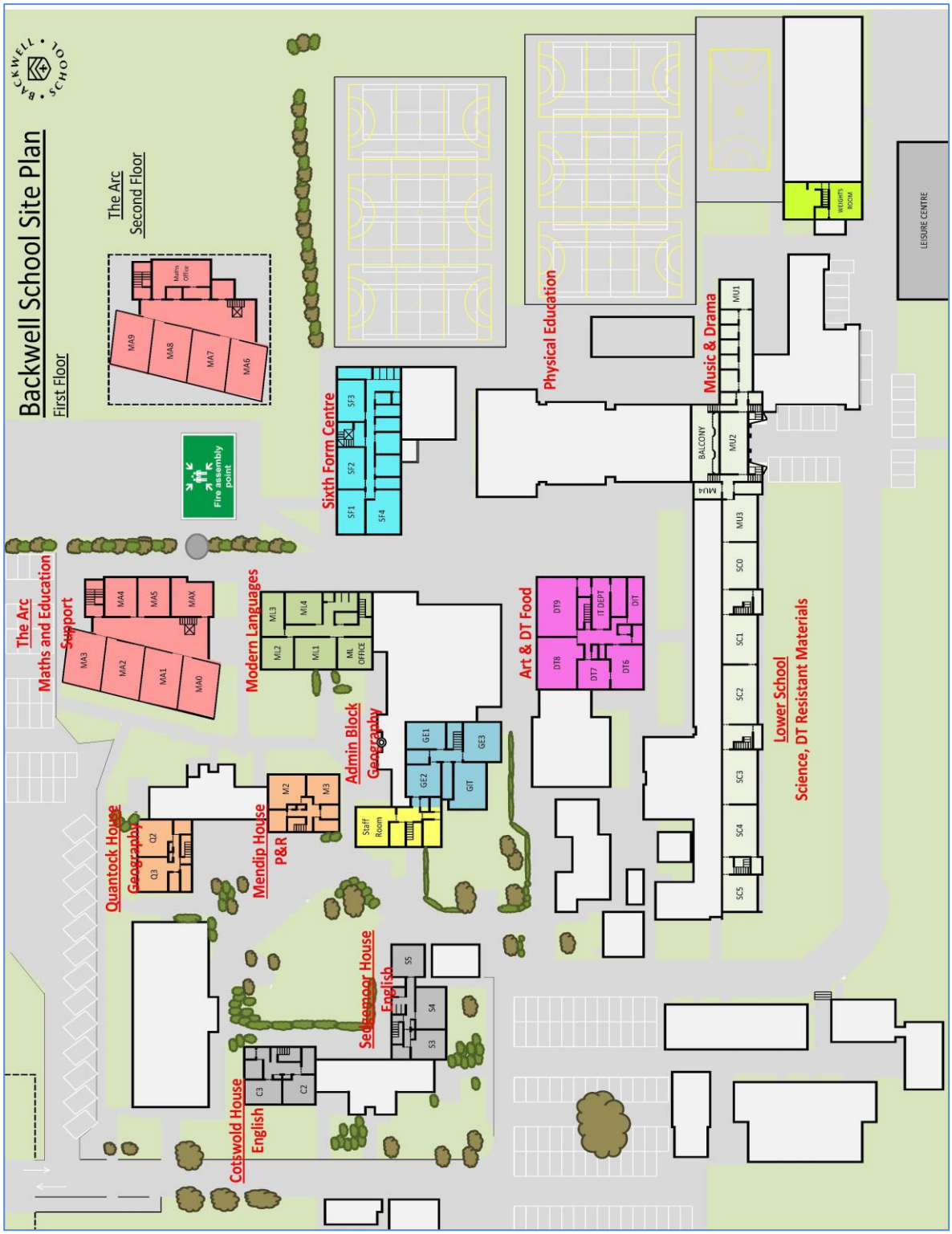
First Floor Classrooms



We look forward to seeing you soon!