

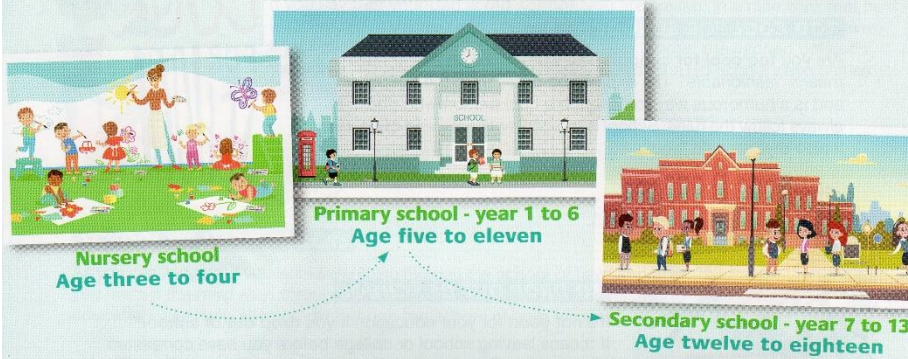


# Penpals from Sarah Bonnell School (London, UK)

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## A TYPICAL SECONDARY SCHOOL DAY IN THE UK

**SOME GENERAL FACTS: THE LAW IN BRITAIN SAYS THAT ALL CHILDREN MUST HAVE AN EDUCATION FROM AGE 4 TO 16. THEY CAN GO TO A STATE SCHOOL (FREE) OR AN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL (PARENTS MUST PAY), OR HAVE THEIR EDUCATION AT HOME.**



- School is from Monday to Friday. The school year starts at the beginning of September and finishes at the end of July. It's 39 weeks long. There are 13 weeks of holidays.
- School starts at 8:30am for every child.
- A period is one hour of class. Sometimes, lessons last for a double period of two hours.
- Children wear school uniforms.



### Who goes to a secondary school?

Children start secondary school at age 12 in year seven. They finish secondary school at age 16 in year 11 or at 18 in year 13.

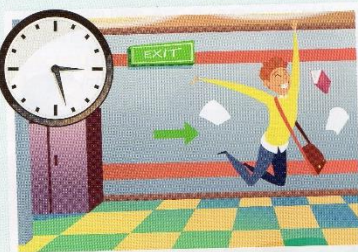


### A day in the life of a secondary school student in the UK

Most children walk to school or take the school bus. At registration, the teacher reads every child's name out loud. Children, if present, must answer 'yes', so that their teacher can write down that they are present or absent for the day. Students have lockers where they can leave books they don't need.

At about 8.50am, students go to their first period. Lessons are in different rooms for each subject. Students move from room to room, and the teachers stay in their classroom.

In most secondary schools, the subjects are maths, English, science (physics, chemistry, biology), computer technology, drama, music, art, physical education, French or Spanish and humanities (history, geography and religion).



### What's an after-school club?

The British education system believes that extra-curricular activities are important. All schools offer a variety of clubs, and many students also learn a musical instrument. There is a lot of choice, but some examples of clubs are for dancing, football, netball, computers, environmental studies and the choir.



There is normally a break for 20 minutes at 11am. Students go back to class from 11.20am to 1.30pm. Lunch is from 1.30pm to about 2.10pm, and students have a choice of eating a packed lunch from home or a hot lunch at the school canteen.

The last part of the school day lasts for one hour, and most schools stop between 3pm and 3.30pm. A lot of children go to after-school clubs, but this is not compulsory. Many children go home.



### French student

#### Class

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#### My penpal's first name

#### Class

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