

# Student Guide 2023



The  
Kimberley School

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# Welcome



I am delighted that you have chosen The Kimberley School as your new school from September. My name is Mr. Park and I am the Headteacher. I have worked at The Kimberley School for twenty years and I know you have chosen well. If you want to have exciting experiences and lessons that inspire you and make you want to do your very best, then you are coming to the right school. I am really looking forward to meeting you in September as you begin your secondary school journey. The other teachers and staff at school are equally keen to welcome you into our school community.

We work hard to make sure you get to know everybody quickly and are able to find your way around the school. At this school we look to help each other and we follow The Kimberley Way to make this a school where everyone can do their best; we respect each other, we take pride in our work and environment and we celebrate our success and the success of others.

Our first opportunity to meet you will be the Induction days in July. You will find out a lot more about the school, meet your new classmates and have some fun at the same time.

I really hope you are looking forward to next year as much as I am.

**Mr Park**  
Headteacher

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## Messages from our Current Year 7 Students:

Vinnie Walters

"I was a little nervous about coming to Kimberley School and being separated from the people I was used to being with but it isn't bad at all. The teachers are all supportive and I made new friends really quickly. I was a bit worried about remembering where all my classes were but it didn't take me long to find my way around. I don't even need to look at my timetable now. A good place that is quiet and calm is the LRC. If you need a minute you can always go there. It is good that year 7's have their own canteen space and the food is really nice!"

Alicia Michalska

"When I first came to The Kimberley School I was petrified; I was the student with barely any friends. The teachers were very supportive and I made friends very quickly. The teachers are helpful, kind and caring. After a week of being at the school I settled in and was surrounded by friends. If you are ever scared of coming to The Kimberley School don't be because everyone will be there to help you."

Adeel Ahmed

"Before I started at The Kimberley School I was very nervous about how I would find my way around such a big school. However all of The Kimberley School staff were very supportive and I soon learned all about the school. The lessons are all good and the canteen food is excellent!"

Mia Bryans

"When I first started in Year 7 at The Kimberley School I felt so nervous and anxious about meeting all the new people and I was worried about being late to lessons. As soon as I settled in I started making lots of new friends. The 5 minutes you have after the bell has gone is more than enough time to get from class to class. Also the teachers are really welcoming and will make you feel settled."

# People You Need to Know



**Miss Raymond** Performance Leader (Year 7)

Firstly, I would like to welcome you to The Kimberley and the next exciting stage of your school career. As your Year Performance Leader, I will be working closely with your Tutor and Teachers to ensure that your introduction to the Kimberley School will be supportive so that you feel proud to be part of our school community, and have the opportunity to succeed and achieve in all aspects of school life. Most importantly the Y7 Team will be available to offer you support and guidance when needed to allow you to have a positive Kimberley school experience. I look forward to meeting you all in September.



**Ms Dunstan** Student Support Advisor for Year 7

Hello, and welcome to Year 7 at The Kimberley School. I work in the student support office which is an area in school where you can come if you are feeling unwell, worried about anything, or just need some extra support during your time here. Starting secondary school can be quite scary, but rest assured the staff here are always around to support you and ensure your transition runs smoothly and your time here is enjoyable. I look forward to meeting you all in September!



**Mr Farnsworth** Student Support Receptionist

I am the Student Support Receptionist here at The Kimberley School; I run a reception dedicated to supporting our students. You will come to see me in Student Support if you feel ill, need to leave for an appointment, or require support within school. Student Support Reception is in the same building as the Year 7 Office, so you will also speak to me if you need to see Miss Raymond or Miss Dunstan.

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## Tutor Groups

When you join us in September, you will be placed into a tutor group. We try to make sure that you are in a tutor group with someone that you already know and you will stay in this tutor group throughout your five years at The Kimberley School. Your tutor will be your first port of call if you are having any problems or need any support and they will work closely with Miss Raymond and Ms Dunstan to make sure you are achieving the best that you can. You will see your tutor every morning for fifteen minutes at the start of every day, when they will carry out uniform and equipment checks to ensure that you are prepared for your day and follow the tutor time program which involves discussions tasks, reading, target setting as well as assemblies. Your tutor will also be responsible for delivering your Personal Development lessons, which are period 3 on Tuesdays where you will learn about: Rights, Responsibilities and British Values; Celebrating Diversity and Equality; Relationships and Sex Education; Staying Safe Online and Offline; Health and Well-Being; and Life Beyond School.



# Your First Day

## How will the first day start?

You will need to arrive at school before 8.40am when a bell will ring, at which point you need to make your way to Hall 1; there will be plenty of staff who will help you find your way. You will sit with your tutor group and Miss Raymond (Performance Leader for Year 7) and the year team with the senior leadership team will welcome you. You will spend the rest of the morning with your tutor and tutor group where you will be given your timetable. Your tutor will spend time with you explaining the school's expectations in line with The Kimberley Way, as well as what makes a perfect Kimberley School student. You will also have time to ask questions and meet new friends.

## The rest of the first day

In the afternoon, you will have lessons so please bring a pen, pencil, ruler and rubber with you. You should also bring your trainers just in case you have PE.

## What will I need on the first day?

- A good large, strong bag for carrying belongings
- Pen, pencil, ruler and rubber
- Bus fare if you catch a bus to and from school
- Trainers just in case you have PE
- A water bottle and a packed lunch if you are bringing food from home. You may also wish to bring some food for morning break.



## What to bring after the first day

A good large strong bag for carrying your equipment Bus fare if you need it Books and equipment that you will need for your lessons - check your timetable every night to see what equipment you need for the following day.

## Basic School Equipment

- Pens (blue/black ink)
- Pencils/coloured pencils
- Ruler
- Pencil sharpener
- Scientific calculator

## The Journey to School

If you walk or cycle to school, give yourself plenty of time to travel safely, take care when crossing roads and always use zebra or pelican crossings where you can. Don't travel home at night or in quiet empty areas on your own and never speak to someone you don't know.

If you cycle, make sure your bike is roadworthy and that you wear a helmet and brightly coloured clothing. You will not be allowed to ride a bike to school if you do not wear a helmet. You will also need a lock to secure your bike at school.

Many students travel by bus. You do not have an automatic right to travel by bus and the bus company can ban you from travelling with them if your behaviour is not acceptable so you should demonstrate The Kimberley Way at all times.

# Uniform

## Skirt

The skirt should be touching the top of the knee. The skirt must be purchased from Just Schoolwear.

**School Skirt**



✓ **Perfect length**



✗ **Too Short**



## Trousers

Plain black school trousers bootleg or straight cut

✓ **Perfect shape**



✗ **None of the following:**

Socks with skirts, regardless of whether they are:  
**Knee high or ankle length**



Skinny trousers, jeans, denim or stretch material.  
**Too tight, with zips or logos**



# Uniform

## Footwear Perfect style



**X None of the following are acceptable as school shoes**



**No colours, no boots, no heels, no logos**

## Smart Card

We are very proud of our uniform at the Kimberley School and in order to ensure the uniform is worn correctly every child in school is given a SMART card. This is a card that they must carry around with them at all times. The card is marked if an item of clothing is not correct. If a student receives 3 strikes then a thirty minute after school detention is given. A student will also be given a detention if they forget or lose their Smart Card. The majority of our students never have a detention for incorrect uniform or missing cards.

# The School Day

8.40am	School Gates Close
8:45am-9:00am	Registration
9:05am-10:05am	Period 1
10:10am-11:10am	Period 2
11:10am-11:25am	Morning Break
11:30am-12:30pm	Period 3
12:30pm-1:10pm	Lunch
1:10pm-2:10pm	Period 4
2:15pm-3:15pm	Period 5
3:15pm	End of School



## Lateness

- We expect you to be in school before 8.40am and in your tutor room ready for registration at 8:45am every morning. We also provide 5 minutes of change over time between lessons to ensure that you are always punctual.
- We shut the school gate at 8:40am every morning; which is signalled by a bell. If you are late 3 times in a week you will be issued a detention.

## Break / Lunchtimes

- All students must stay on the school premises at lunchtime and have a school lunch or bring sandwiches from home.
- The school canteen serves a range of hot and cold food at breakfast, break and lunchtimes. This includes:
  - We have a panini bar with at least 3 different fillings each day (e.g. beans and cheese, BBQ chilli beef and chicken tikka).
  - We have a cold bar where we offer pasta salads, sandwiches, salad pots and wraps.
  - These can be upgraded to a 'meal deal' with a drink, bag of crisps or fruit.
  - We have a 'Love Joes' counter where we offer a different chicken dish each day (e.g. curry, wrap, burger, flatbread, burrito etc.) in over 20 different flavours.
  - We have a pizza bar where we serve margarita and pepperoni slices.
  - If you want a healthy option, we also have a jacket potato bar where we offer a range of hot and cold fillings, served with freshly prepared salad.
  - We are able to cater for dietary requirements such as gluten-free, vegan, dairy free if you ask in advance.
  - If you want to bring in sandwiches from home, there is a room where you and your friends can eat them indoors at lunch time.



# The School Code



## The Kimberley WAY

We RESPECT. We are PROUD. We SUCCEED.

We respect...

ourselves  
each other  
the staff  
the school  
our local community

We are proud of...

our achievements  
our ambitions  
our behaviour  
our appearance  
our differences

We succeed by...

working hard  
being ambitious  
being kind  
attending on time  
doing our best every day

## Bullying: A Charter of Student Rights

As a member of our school community you have the right:

- Not to be bullied
- To say 'no' firmly to anything you think is wrong
- To talk to somebody if someone is making you unhappy
- To protect yourself by ignoring others or by walking away



Remember, bullying is repeated negative behaviour that is intended to make others feel upset, uncomfortable or unsafe. It can be verbal, indirect or physical

If you feel bullied you should tell a member of staff as soon as you can. Staff you could approach are your tutor, a subject teacher or a member of the student support team; whoever you feel comfortable speaking to.

Last year we joined the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors programme, through the Diana Award, to provide another avenue of student to your young people.

# Achievement and Behaviour

## Achievement

In Years 7 to 11, you can be awarded with IMPACT points. IMPACT points stand for: Inspirational, Motivated, Achievement, Caring and kind, and Tenacity. Every week you will have a celebration morning as part of tutor time to look at which tutor groups and students have the most points in your year group and every term, each year group has a special assembly in which the top 100 students are recognised for their achievements. Faculties will also award certificates and subject prizes to students who consistently perform well in lessons. We also have The Kimberley Way tokens where you may be awarded for demonstrating The Kimberley Way. We then have a prize draw at the end of each term and this year, the prizes have included a mountain bike, shopping vouchers, hampers and an Apple I-pad!

## Behaviour

The vast majority of our students behave impeccably by demonstrating The Kimberley Way at all times. We take excellent behaviour in lessons and around school very seriously as we understand that you are here to learn and everyone should feel safe at all times. You should always follow the instructions of staff the first time you are asked. In lessons you should listen to the teacher, complete all the work to the best of your ability and make sure you avoid distractions. At lunchtimes, midday supervisors are around school. You should also treat them with respect at all times. You can help them by:

- Following their instruction immediately
- Keeping your table tidy at lunchtime
- Putting any rubbish into the bin provided both in the canteen and outside.

If you fail to behave in line with our expectations, then you may be given a detention. If your behaviour does not improve or is more serious, then you could be given a more serious consequence like being excluded from your lesson and expected to work at the back of another classroom. Our higher level sanctions include pre-suspension when you work in isolation, external isolation where you go another school to work in isolation and suspension.

Out of school, locally or away with a school group, you should remember that the school's reputation depends on the way you behave. We are very proud of our reputation and expect you to be too.

## Homework

Homework will be set regularly by each of your subject teachers. The school uses a system called Show my Homework which allows you and your parents/carers to see all the homework you have been set and when it is due in on the internet or through the mobile phone app. We expect all your homework to be completed on time and to a very good standard. Your tutor will have your PIN for SMHW.



# Extra-Curricular

## Extra-Curricular Activities and Clubs

This school runs a number of lunchtime and after-school activities for you to get involved with.

Clubs change throughout the year and are advertised on notice boards around school as well as on Student Notices which your tutor will show you each morning.

Clubs on offer include: Table Tennis, Handball, Football, Basketball, Dodgeball, Badminton, Netball, Dance, Knit-flix, Pride Club and more!

Regular attendance may lead to you being invited on trips to exciting places, for example; the Snowdome, the theatre, Spring Lakes and others.



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## Learning Resource Centre (The LRC)

At The Kimberley School, you will find a big, impressive LRC full of exciting resources just waiting to be used and welcoming staff ready to help.

You will be able to use computers, read magazines, and newspapers in the LRC, and borrow books to take home (for 2 weeks). You may also take part in the Accelerated Reader programme, which means you take an online quiz each time you finish a book, competing with other students to see who can read the most words and take the most quizzes. During years 7-9 you will have some English lessons in the LRC.

## LRC Opening Times

- Open until 4pm Monday – Thursday. Closed after school on Friday.
- Before school from 8.00am – 8.40am students can use the time to catch up, complete their homework etc. The enquiry counter is closed during this time.
- During lessons for classes and private study for 6th form.
- At lunchtime – where students can watch a film, use the computers, take part in craft activities (for certain annual celebrations) or sit with their friends. Eating is not allowed in the LRC though, to keep the area a safe space for students with food allergies

# Your Lessons

When you arrive in September, you will study a range of subjects. The table below gives you an idea of what you might be studying:

Subject	Lessons per fortnight	What will I be studying?
English	7	<p>You will read a variety of novels, short stories, poems, plays and non-fiction texts, and learn about a range of writing styles.</p> <p>In the first term of year 7, you will be studying the novel 'A Monster Calls.' You will also look at descriptive and narrative writing.</p> <p>You will have one lesson per fortnight in the LRC.</p>
Maths	7	<p>You will continue studying a number of the topics you were introduced to at primary school including the number system, algebra, shape, space, ratio and handling data.</p>
Science	6	<p>In biology, you will look at cells, reproduction, ecosystems and the evolution of species.</p> <p>In chemistry, you will study particles, elements, reactions and materials, including acids, alkalis and the periodic table.</p> <p>In physics you will study how the world around you works, including forces, motion, electricity, waves and space.</p>
Languages	5	<p>You will study two languages from French, Spanish and German.</p> <p>In each language you will learn how to introduce yourself and talk about your family, pets and school subjects.</p>
Geography	2.5	<p>Geography is all about the people and places on the planet.</p> <p>In Year 7 you will be introduced to physical and human geography, the British Isles and rivers and flooding.</p>
History	3	<p>You will start off by looking at key skills in History. We will then begin studying the history of Britain including the Norman Conquest, life in the Middle Ages, the Black Death, the Tudors and the Stuarts.</p>
RE	2	<p>You will look at human beliefs and how people make sense of the world.</p> <p>In Year 7 you will study the major beliefs in Judaism, Christianity and Islam.</p>
Art	2	<p>You will study different styles and genres and a range of materials and techniques.</p> <p>You will start off by looking at mask making, and study artists such as Van Gogh.</p>
Drama	2	<p>You will look at a number of different styles of theatre and how our acting skills create different meanings onstage. We will begin by looking at a man called Bertolt Brecht, and how he makes plays with moral meanings.</p>
Music	2	<p>You will study a range of different musical genres.</p> <p>In the first term, you will look at rhythm, aural perception and learn basic keyboard skills. You will go on to further your keyboard skills and develop your ensemble performance skills.</p>



Design and Technology	4	<p>Your D&amp;T lessons will be taught on a rotation, you will spend time in Graphics, Resistant materials, Food and Textiles. You will design and make a range of products with a variety of different materials and processes.</p> <p>In food you will develop your practical and theory skills based around the Eat Well Guide and healthy family cooking. In Textiles you will explore a range of construction techniques and materials to produce an item based around these skills. Resistant materials will see you develop specific materials knowledge and the adapting of materials to create functional products. Graphics will develop your presentation techniques and you will work as a product developer to a set context to produce a 3D outcome.</p>
Computing	2	<p>You will study; How to use computers safely, effectively and responsibly (eSafety), Understanding computer hardware, software and communications, Computer crime and cyber security, Python programming, Computer networks and Kodu programming.</p>
PE	4	<p>A high-quality physical education curriculum awaits you, this curriculum includes a wide range of activities including athletics, badminton, cricket, football and parkour to name a few. This activities will inspire you all to succeed and excel in competitive sport and gain a love for physical exercise that you can transfer to a wide range of opportunities outside the classroom and the school.</p>
Personal Development	2	<p>In personal development you will be learning about your health and well-being and explore a range of topics that effect you, from puberty and what to expect to healthy friendships, politics to staying safe both on and offline. We signpost where to find help and suggest how to deal with situations you might find yourself in, to ensure you stay safe and healthy and make healthy choices</p>

## Induction

We know how hard it is to come to a new school so we want to make sure that you feel confident about joining us in September. To do this, we organise a number of events to help you get to know your new school, meet new people and make new friends.

- In June, we will visit all our feeder primary schools to speak to you about what to expect and answer any questions you might have.
- In July, there will be two induction days where you get to experience what a normal day at Kimberley will be like. You will get to meet the rest of your tutor group, and where possible, your tutor. You will also get the chance to meet some of the other important staff you will need to know.
- If you're worried about coming to the Kimberley School, then don't be! If you do your best and follow our rules, then you have nothing to worry about. If you are still worried, ask your mum, dad or whoever looks after you to ring us and we will do everything we can to help you. We want you to be happy at The Kimberley School so please don't keep your worries to yourself tell us!

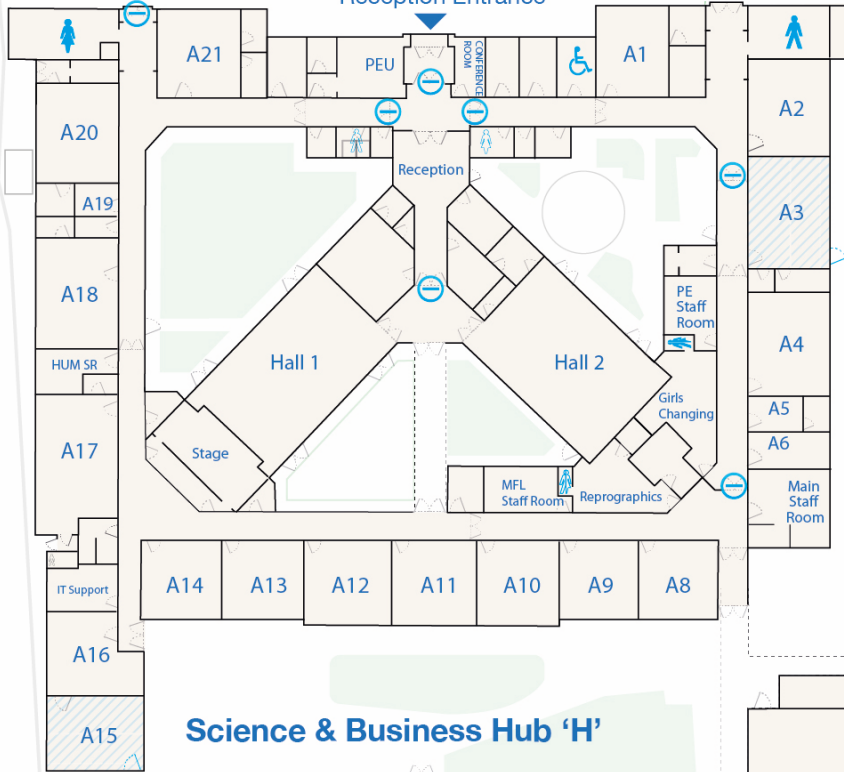
We look forward to meeting you at our induction events.



## Main Academy 'A'

Visitors Car Park

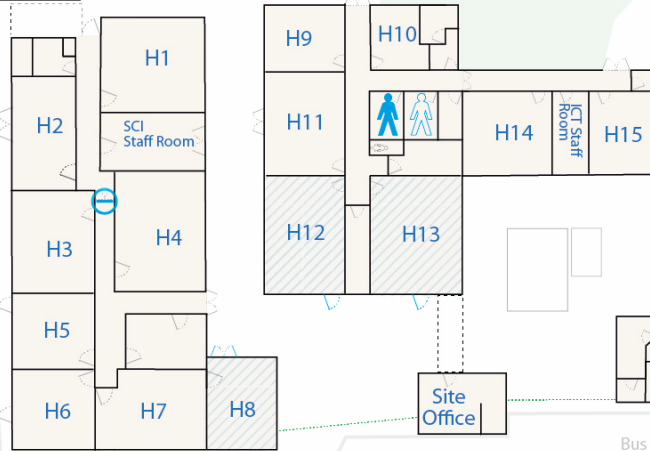
Reception Entrance



## Technology Base 'B'



## Science & Business Hub 'H'



Gym

Cold Diner & Tuck Shop

Kitchen

Main Canteen / Hot Dine

Year 7 Diner

Student Support

Site Office

Bus Bays

Sports Centre Car Park

## Sports Centre 'G'



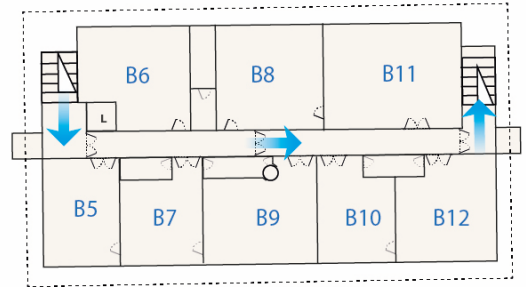
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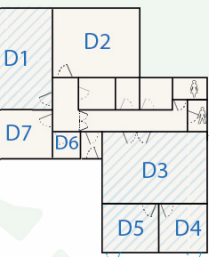
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## Site Map

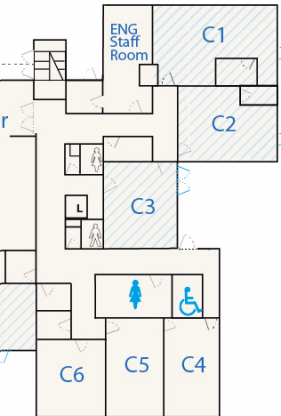
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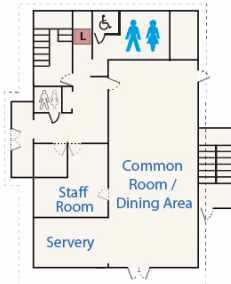
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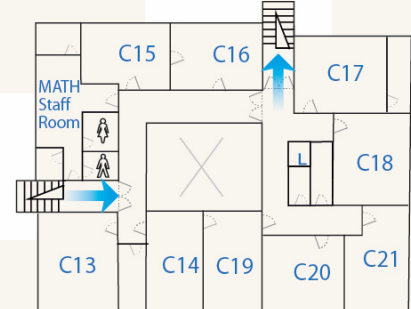
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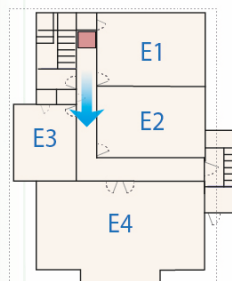
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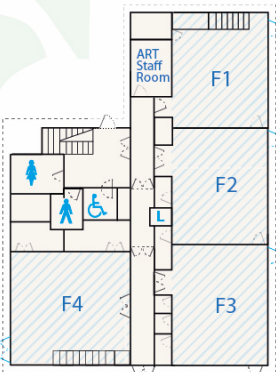
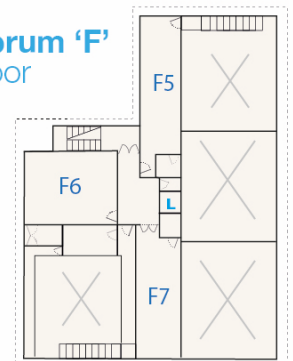
The Core 'C' First Floor



Sixth Form Centre of Excellence 'E' First Floor

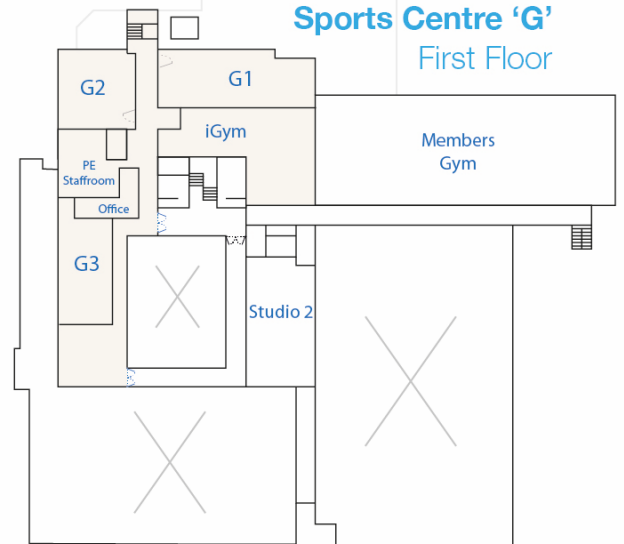


Arts Forum 'F' First Floor



Arts Forum 'F'

Sports Centre 'G' First Floor



Limited Access /  
No throughway

External Access

Student Toilet

Staff Toilet

Disabled Toilets

Lift

