

**General questions and answers from a student focus group visit to  
Sharnbrook Upper School from a Student's perspective.**

We took 2 groups of students to SUS to on a fact finding mission to find answers to questions asked by children in their form groups.

1. Do you get a map of the school? **Yes, you do, you get one when you get your planner on the first day of term in September.**
2. How many students are there? **Around 2000.**
3. How long are the lessons? **They are 1 hour 5 minutes.**
4. What is the structure of the school day?

**P1- 8.30-9.35- 1 hour 5 minutes**

**P2- 9.35- 10.40- 1 hour 5 minutes**

**Break- 10.40-11.00- 20 minutes**

**P3- 11.00-12.05- 1 hour 5 minutes**

**Form time- 12.05-12.30- 25 minutes**

**Lunch time- 12.30- 1.10- 40 minutes**

**P4- 1.10-2.10- 1 hour**

**P5- 2.10-3.15- 1 hour 5 minutes**

**Day ends at 3.15**

5. There are 6 houses.
  - **Ouse- orange**
  - **Parentines- purple**
  - **Loring- blue**
  - **Colworth- yellow**
  - **Grange- green**
  - **Templar- red**
6. Are girls allowed to wear makeup and wear their hair down? **Yes, you are allowed your hair down and natural makeup only.**
7. What hair cut are boys allowed? **It can't be shorter than a 2.**
8. Are you allowed your phones? **You are allowed to use your phones at break and lunch time, but not in lesson time.**
9. Are there lot of toilets around school? **There is a girl's and boy's toilet in each block of the school.**
10. What is timetable like? **There is a week A and week B.**
11. How often do you have PE? **You have 4 PE lessons every 2 weeks, but it will change if you opt to do GCSE PE.**
12. If you are late to lessons in the first couple of weeks will you get in trouble? **No and there are lots of people to ask, everyone is really friendly.**
13. How much homework do you get daily? **It varies, depending on the subjects, but you definitely get Maths, English and Science every week.**
14. What is the praise and consequence system like? **For negative behaviour and positive behaviour, you receive concerns and praise slips. Your parents can log onto 'Go for**

**Schools' to find out how many concerns and praise slips you have. That is also how your parents access your report.**

- 15. Are there any lockers? There are lockers, but you have to take your own padlock and it is first come first serve. You can carry your bags around with you though.**
- 16. How many friends can you choose to be in your form and teaching group? You can choose 1 friend to be with in your form group but you are not 100% guaranteed to be with them.**
- 17. What are the extra-curricular opportunities? There is basically a club for each subject.**
- 18. Are there opportunities to buy snacks at break time? There are 2 dining rooms, JD's and Dining 1. There are vending machines placed around the school so are opportunities.**
- 19. What are lunch times like? The lines for dinner are very busy, there is no order for the queue, first come first served.**
- 20. Where can you go at break and lunch times? Anywhere around the site within reason, you are not allowed inside the buildings.**
- 21. Who do I speak to if I have a problem? Form tutor or Head of house at first instance.**
- 22. Are there any leadership roles? They are mainly for sixth formers, but this may change.**
- 23. Who will be in my form class? The form groups are vertical tutored, there will be a few children from each year from year 7 through to 11 then the sixth formers have their own form group.**
- 24. Can I buy stationary at school? There is a shed where you can buy stationary and revision guides.**
- 25. Do we have assemblies? There is a broadcast every Thursday during form time and you have house assemblies fortnightly.**
- 26. Who do I do PE with? Boys and girls do PE separately. You rotate activities every 4-6 weeks.**
- 27. Can you play football at lunch times? You can rent out the football pitch for £3 an hour.**
- 28. Can girls do rugby? Yes, in sixth form.**
- 29. Do girls need to wear ties? No, girls do not have to wear ties.**
- 30. What do you do in form time? General activities including Quizzes.**
- 31. Is there a water fountain? Yes, there are a lot around the school.**
- 32. What new lessons are available at Sharnbrook that we don't do at middle school? Media, textiles, health and social care, PE theory (at GCSE).**
- 33. Are you allowed in the Gym? You are allowed into the Gym in Year 10 in your PE lessons. Sixth formers are allowed at other times if they have a membership.**