

SYMPHONY SCHOOLS



FREQUENTLY
ASKED
QUESTIONS

STUDENT QUESTIONS

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What lessons will Symphony Schools provide?

Symphony Schools will be providing English and Math lessons on a Thursday evening.

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How long will each session last?

Each session will last for a duration of 2 hours (5pm till 7pm).

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What is the criteria to become a student of Symphony Schools?

Before joining Symphony Schools, we will require the following things:

- i. Character reference
- ii. Family background
- iii. Two of your most recent school reports
- iv. Your extra-curricular activities
- v. Your proximity (Postcode)

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Can I join if I'm not part of the target audience?

Our team will be looking closely through all our applicants and will be selecting students who are most in need. Should you not be in our target audience, the decision to accept you into the school will be made by our principle based on your circumstances.

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I don't live in any of your regions, can I still apply to be a student?

All our sessions will be held in person. We are currently looking at offering online lessons due to the current Covid-19 climate. We do we feel that face-to-face interaction will

presents a more engaging session but we will be following Government guidelines to ensure our students, tutors and volunteers are protected., whilst ensuring our students are able to access our sessions and receive the best level of education that we can provided.

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What support will I receive?

Students will receive 2 hour tutoring sessions every week. These sessions will be tailored to the learning requirements of our students. Our tutors will be identified the areas of learning required and will work diligently to bridge these gaps.

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What's the commitment?

Symphony Schools will require parents and children to sign an agreement to ensure guidelines are understood and upheld. We require students to attend all sessions to ensure that they do not fall behind as they will be required to catch up in their own time. Our Tutors and volunteers are dedicating 2 hours every Friday to support and encourage our students to excel and make as much progress as they can, whilst with us.

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How will I be notified if there are any concerns?

Should any concerns arise with our students, our principle will contact the parents to discuss the matter further, set action points and discuss ways in which the student can move forward within Symphony Schools.

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Will you be taking pictures and videos of your students.

For promotion purposes, Symphony Schools will be taking pictures and videos of our students, but this will only happen once consent has been given by the parent or guardian. These pictures and videos will only be available to view on our website and social media platforms.

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So why black boys?

Our education system has allowed our young black boys to accept mediocracy. They are often seen as less than, given negative stereotypes and the idea that certain behaviours and levels achievement are the norm, has been enforced on them. As an initiative, we have decided to challenge these historical patterns of underachievement as it is our intention to display to the world just how intelligent and socially empowered our young men can be.

Research suggests that there is a lower expectancy on black children and that the behaviour of young black boys in particular is punished a lot harsher than that of their white counterparts. Symphony Schools aim to not only bridge the gap that currently plagues achievement within the black Caribbean community, but to also be an example to our students of what they can become and possibly do for others in the future.

TUTOR & VOLUNTEER QUESTIONS

(Some answers relate to students)

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What will I be tutoring?

As a tutor of Symphony Schools, you will be required to teach either English or Math.

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Do I need a DBS check? How will I get one?

Tutors and Volunteers will be required to have an up-to-date DBS in place. If not, tutors will need to speak to our principle and administrator to arrange for a DBS check to be completed.

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What qualifications so I need?

Tutors will need to hold Qualified Teaching Status (QTS) in secondary education to be able to teach at Symphony Schools. This is because we are catering to year 10 and 11 students who will be preparing to take their GCSE's.

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How do I apply?

To apply to be a Symphony Schools tutor, volunteer or student; please visit our website and complete our application form.

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Will I receive any training?

As a volunteer, you will receive in-depth training on what will be expected of you during the tutoring sessions. Your role and responsibilities will be highlighted in the application form.

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How do you keep track of progress?

Tutors will be keeping track of student progress on a weekly basis. Parents will have the opportunity to discuss the progress being made with the tutors on a monthly basis, as this will provide a much clearer picture of where the students are and where they are required to be.

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What's the timeline for getting involved?

Applications to become a student, tutor or volunteer for Symphony Schools will be accessible online via our website. Please complete in a timely manner to avoid missing the deadline. Our specification and responsibilities for volunteers will also be available to view online.

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