

# SCHOOL LIFE

The school year is divided into 3 terms:

from 12<sup>th</sup> September to 17<sup>th</sup> December: the autumn term;

from 12<sup>th</sup> January to 10<sup>th</sup> March: the spring term;

from 12<sup>th</sup> April to 14<sup>th</sup> July: the summer term.

Parents receive three reports, one at the end of each term, informing them about their children's progress.

At the age of 7, 11 and 14 pupils must do assessment tests in all compulsory subjects.

These children are evaluated and graded according to the level they reach (from 1 to 10). In this way the pupil, his teacher and his parents can see where he stands from now.

School usually begins at 9.00 a.m. and ends at 3.15 p.m. It begins with Assembly, where all the pupils and teacher meet, is prayer to God and the recitation of teaching and other important announcements. Each lesson, or period, lasts about 45 minutes and there is a 20-minute break about 10 a.m. lunch is at 12.30 p.m. and lessons start again at 1.30 p.m. Most pupils go home at 3.15 p.m. but some stay on for club meetings, drama or projects rehearsal or for detention (see discipline).

Here is a typical school time table:

Year	9.00-9.15	9.15-10.00	10.00-10.30	10.30-11.00	11.00-11.30	11.30-12.00
<b>YEAR 7-10</b>						
9.00-9.15	Assembly	English	Maths	Science	History	Geography
9.15-9.30	Assembly	French	Art	Physical Education	Music	Religion
<b>YEAR 11-14</b>						
9.00-9.15	Assembly	Mathematics	Science	History	Geography	Religion
9.15-9.30	Assembly	English	Physical Education	Art	Music	Religion
<b>YEAR 15-16</b>						
9.00-9.15	Assembly	Mathematics	Science	History	Geography	Religion
9.15-9.30	Assembly	English	Physical Education	Art	Music	Religion

## CURIOSITY

The Public Schools are famous because they are very, very old. In fact, they were built only for the sons of aristocratic families. They were called "public" to distinguish them from the education given by private tutors (teachers) to the sons of very rich people. Now the public schools are inclusive and very expensive.