



25th July 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you to outline the arrangements for the start of term. We very much look forward to welcoming your child into their new year group and hope you find the information below a useful starting point in helping your child prepare.

Monday 4th September – INSET Day

Tuesday 5th September – INSET Day

Wednesday 6th September – Year 7 and Year 12 only

Year 7: We ask Year 7 students to arrive in full school uniform at 8.40am and go to the Main Hall where they will be welcomed by staff. Year 7 students do not require PE kit on their first day. Students will have an assembly at the start of the day and then will take part in a number of orientation exercises to help them find their way round the school and to settle in. After lunchtime Year 7 students will have their first lessons. During the day students will also have their school photograph taken and biometrics will be set up for the canteen system if we have parental permission.

Year 12: Year 12 students should arrive at 8.45am and make their way promptly to the Year 12 Study Room (next to the Dining Hall). Here they will be met by the Sixth Form team and will complete their biometric scanning to use the canteen payment system if we have parental permission. The students will then be registered, pick up their timetables and collect their lanyards. This will be followed by an assembly. During the day Year 12 students will have time with their tutor. They will be allowed to sign out at lunchtime if they have no timetabled lesson as the Sixth Form elective programme will not be starting for two weeks.

Thursday 7th September

Year 7 – We ask Year 7 students to join us on Thursday 7th September at **10.45am** (Breaktime). This allows us to run our induction programme for the older year groups in the morning session and it also gives Year 7 students a slightly later start following their busy induction day. After breaktime students will go directly to their lesson which they have on their timetable for Period 3 that day. Staff will be supporting students who are unsure where to go.

Years 8 –11 – Students need to arrive at 8.40am in full school uniform, ready to go to their tutor bases promptly at 8.45am. Students are required to wear full school uniform on their first day and will not require a PE kit. Students will have an extended tutor time in the morning which will also include a welcome back and expectations assembly and lessons will start from period 3 that day.

Students should have been made aware of any new tutors or tutor bases already, but details will also be posted on the doors of the Student Centre and at the In / Out doors at the start of term in September.

Year 12: to arrive at **10.45 (Breaktime)**, ready for the start of their lesson at 11.15

Year 13: to arrive at **8.55 am** in the Sixth Form Hall for their induction assembly

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Uniform Information and Expectations

To view the detailed information regarding school uniform please follow [this link](#) to a letter from Mr Mailey. We look forward to seeing students arrive in full school uniform at the start of term.

As an additional reminder, please be advised that nose piercings, including clear retainers, are not permitted for years 7-11. Nose piercing can take several months to heal, so we request that parents do not permit their children to have this done until the end of Y11 as they will need to be removed daily for school.

There has been a significant increase in the amount of nail varnish and false nails being worn to school. A reminder to parents and carers that these are not permitted in years 7-11, so please ensure that your child does not return to school in September wearing nail varnish or false nails.

Lunchtime and Canteen arrangements

At the end of last academic year, we were able to set up biometric payments for those students for whom we had parental consent. If your child has had their biometrics set-up, then they will be able to pay for their meals using this system in September. If your child has not had biometrics set up, then they will be able to continue to use their 4 digit 'PIN' number. This is the same as the students' exam number and the number that they use for printing.

If you would like to consent to your child having a biometric payment option set-up and have not yet given consent, then please complete [this form](#) as we will be setting up additional sessions in the new academic year for those not yet set up on the system.

Tutors will remind / inform students of their PIN number on the first day. For the first few days, Year 7 students will be released early for lunch, to allow them to familiarise themselves with the dining arrangements.

Equipment List

Essential:

- minimum two pens (blue/black ink)
- ruler
- pencils
- eraser
- protractor
- pair of compasses
- scientific calculator
- reading book
- water bottle

Desirable:

- highlighters
- glue stick
- pencil sharpener

Please note that Tippex or any other correcting fluid is not permitted in school.

Parental Information Evenings in September/October

In the new academic year, we will be hosting parent information evenings for each year group. Please find below the relevant dates for your diary. We will send further details nearer the time.

- Wednesday 13th September Year 12 in the Sixth Form Hall
- Monday 18th September Year 8 in the Main Hall
- Tuesday 19th September Year 10 in the Main Hall
- Wednesday 20th September Year 13 in the Sixth Form Hall
- Thursday 21st September Year 9 in the Main Hall
- Monday 2nd October Year 7 in the Main Hall
- Tuesday 3rd October Year 11 in the Main Hall

We look forward to welcoming your child to school at the beginning of the academic year.

Yours faithfully



Ms L Blundell
Headteacher