

New Year 7 Students- Frequently Asked Questions

1. What date and time will my child start in Year 7?

All year groups will start school on Tuesday 5th September at 8.50am. All new Year 7 students will be greeted by staff at the main gate and will direct them to the Drama Studio. All students need to be on the school site for 8.50am each day.

2. How can I help my child prepare for secondary school?

The transition to high school can be an anxious time for students and parents alike. Here are some suggestions of the ways you can help prepare your child for the next stage of their educational journey. For example, supporting your child to be more independent and to take ownership for organizing their equipment in preparation for school each day. Help your child to be resilient if things go wrong or take responsible for their possessions.

3. What equipment will my child need to bring to school?

Students are required to bring the following items in order to be prepared to learn: pencil case, pen, pencil, ruler and rubber. Students choose to bring coloured pencils and geometry equipment. A school bag is important to carry exercise books and stationary.

4. On the first day will my child need their PE kit?

No, students will not be required their PE kit on their first day

5. When will my child receive their timetable?

All students will receive their timetable during the first lesson with their Form Tutor on Tuesday 5th September. The tutor will explain how the timetable operates at high school. All lessons are one hour in duration.

6. How will my child find their way around school?

Staff will be available throughout the day to ensure that students know where to go.

7. Will my child be in a form with other children who they know?

Wherever possible, and appropriate, your child will be placed with at least one other student from their primary school.

8. What does my child do if they feel unwell in school?

Students should inform their class teacher if they are feeling poorly. They will be directed to their Head of Year, Mrs. Povey and arrangements will be made to contact home discuss with you how your child is feeling with a parent/carer.

9. How do I report that my child is unwell and cannot attend school?

Attendance is very important for both academic and social development. If your child is unwell, we politely request you contact school as early as you can. The telephone number is 01978 388010. Leave a message explaining clearly the reason for the absence.

10. How do we pay for school dinners and school visits/trips?

At YYG we use a system called "Parent Pay" this is widely used by local primary schools. Information will be provided by WCBC Catering Department which will provide details explaining how to add your child to the YYG school account.

11. Where do I purchase school uniform?

The school has entered into partnership with RAM Leisure, Whitegates Industrial Complex, Wrexham, LL13 8UG (01978) 360360, www.ramleisure.com.

They are the only supplier of school uniform and logo items. The company is uniquely placed to be able to offer the purchase of good value, quality uniform and other essentials.

The School Essentials Grant came into effect from September 2018. For further details please click onto the **Transition Information Pack for Parents and Carers** on our **Transition page** on the school website or visit WCBC website.

12. What happens if my child forgets to bring in their equipment?

Students will have a lot of new information to absorb and therefore teachers will be lenient and understanding in the early weeks. The administration staff are happy to contact home if the item required is essential for example, PE kit, packed lunch and so forth.

13. What should I do if my child loses something?

Misplacing or losing items at school is unfortunately, part of school life. If items are labelled this dramatically increase the chances of reuniting students with their belongings. In high school it can be difficult to identify an individual's property; a clear name tag makes returning items much easier. Students are advised to check in the main office to see if the item has been handed in. They should also retrace their steps and return to the classrooms/changing rooms they have been to that day to see if they have left it there. They should do this on the day that they discover the loss. If this proves unsuccessful, it is sometimes worth checking with lost property again, after a few days have elapsed.

Replacement ties can be purchased from the main office or RAM Leisure.

14. What is the student planner and how will my child use it?

The planner is a communication tool between home and school. Your child is expected to write any homework that they have in the planner. If you wish to update us about any absences or other information, you can use the planner to write in a note.

15. How can I check what homework my child is set?

Your child will also be issued with a student planner. Your child's homework will also be recorded in there. This planner can also be used as a dialogue between yourself and your child's teachers. We politely request for parents to sign and check their child's planner every week.

16. How much homework will my child get?

This can vary from week to week but should normally have at least one piece of homework each day

17. What are the rules on mobile phones?

The rules regarding mobile phones have changed. From September 2023 the use of mobile phones is not permitted at YYG. If a mobile phone is seen or heard by a member of staff, it will be confiscated. Students can collect it from the main reception at the end of the day.

If your child chooses to bring a phone to school with them to use on their way to or from school, it should be switched off and placed away safely in their bag.

We are not responsible or liable for the loss or damage to mobile phones. Such items are brought to school at the owner's risk. We will not investigate lost phones.

18. What happens if a parent or student need to communicate during the school day?

Parents/parents wishing to contact their child during the school must still do this via the school office. Similarly, if a student wishes to contact home they must report to the main office.

19. What do I contact if I am concerned about my child?

In the first instance, parents/carers should contact your child's Form Tutor. They will speak to your child and Mrs Povey. For more significant questions or concerns please contact directly: Mrs Povey, Year 7 Head of Year 7 or Mrs K Sharpe, ALNCO.

20. What can my child do if they are upset or having friendship issues?

They can talk to any member of staff, their tutor, or Mrs Povey.

21. Can my child participate in extra-curricular clubs?

We have a variety of extra – curricular activities available to all students. Information will be shared in assemblies, form tutors and on the school website.

22. Where can I find the school's key dates and information?

The school website is regularly updated with key information.

23. How will I know what is happening in school each week?

Every Friday the school email's the weekly "Mailshot" to all parents/carers. It is vital all parents/carers provide the school with their current email address in order to receive this information. Don't forget to follow us on Twitter too!