

Welcome to Year 7!

We are so pleased you could join us



This evening we will look at the following things:

- The plan for September
- What does your child need?
- Social Media
- Homework
- Summer preparations
- Q&A



The Plan for September

- First day of term is **Thursday 1st September** - Year 7 will be in the school for an Induction morning, before the rest of the school arrive later that day. They will receive another school tour, as well as be given their Student Planners and timetables.
- Students will have all of their lessons with their tutor group for the first half-term. They will then be put into sets and mixed-ability classes after the two-week October holidays.
- **Excellence Programme** – every Wednesday afternoon, students will take part in extra activities outside of the ‘normal’ curriculum. For the first term, a programme has been put together specifically for Year 7s to help integrate them into secondary school. Activities will include setting up their email addresses/familiarising themselves with Go4Schools, a Fire-Safety afternoon and a Bonding Day to Blackland’s Farm.
- **Extra-Curricular activities** – we will be encouraging all students to join at least one extra-curricular club after school. Our wide range of clubs can be found on the school website.



What does your child need?

- ✓ **Full school uniform & PE kit** – all orders must be placed by Monday 18th July.
- ✓ **Equipment:** pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, scissors, glue stick, highlighter, scientific calculator. *(Multiple pens/pencils are always helpful!)*
- ✓ **Water bottle**
- ✓ **Reading book**
- ✓ **School bag that will fit an A4 folder/books in**
- ✓ **Homework folder**



Social Media

Unfortunately, although Social Media can be a very positive aspect of our school community, it does become a problem amongst many children.

Please do make sure that you regularly monitor your child's mobile phone device and ensure that they are not being involved in/subjected to anything that may be deemed an inappropriate.

The main concerns that we regularly deal with are:

- **WhatsApp Groups** – if you agree for your child to use WhatsApp, please ensure that they are not part of group chats involving any students that they do not know.
- **Instagram/Tik Tok/Snapchat** – following, or being followed by, anyone that they do not personally know and ensure accounts are private.
- **Friendship fall outs via social media** – students tend to become far more unkind when they are at a keyboard rather than face-to-face.
- **YouTube/video sites** – watching content that is not age appropriate.





Homework

- Homework will be set by subjects weekly and will be added to Go4schools for students and parents to view.
- Students will be set up on Go4Schools on their first day and parents will receive information about this via email.
- Students will also be given a Homework timetable in September. This will clearly explain what homework they can expect to be given on specific days.
- Students have received a Homework Folder today – this must come back with them in September and will be what they keep homework sheets in.



Summer Preparations

The 'Top Tip' booklet you've received gives some suggestions on what preparations can be taking place over the summer holidays, to help aid a calm and supported start in September.

For example:

- ✓ Practise the school run with your child and then see if they can do it independently.
- ✓ Agree a timetable and routine for after school – *E.g. when will they complete their homework and when will they be allowed to use electronic devices?*
- ✓ Create a checklist for the fridge – *what items do they make sure are in their bag the night before?*



Any Questions?

