

Welcome!

As the summer holiday draws to a close, we are really looking forward to meeting our new year 7 students in September.

The year 7s' first day is Tuesday 5 September 2017 and students should arrive in school for 11am. There will be teachers around, and posters, to help with finding tutor rooms. Remember to bring the correct equipment (pen, pencil, scientific calculator and a fiction book to read). Bring a padlock for your locker but there are no PE lessons on the 5 so PE kits won't be needed on the first day.

Lunch will be at 1pm. The canteen will be open for food if money has been loaded onto accounts (either by parents/carers before the start of term or by students using the cash loaders in school) and any signed forms or school fund not brought back on 5th July should be given to company leaders by the end of Friday 8 September.

The day will finish at 2pm.

From **Wednesday 6 September**, year 7 students will follow normal school day timings.

Other important dates for year 7s include:

- **Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 September 2017** – Team Building Days
- **Wednesday 20 September 2017** – Year 7 Support Evening (students not required to attend) - Information will include curriculum content in the core subjects, how to support learning and homework along with how year 7 achievement and progress is assessed.
- **Thursday 2 November 2017** – Year 7 Tutor Evening (students are expected to attend) – An opportunity for parents/carers to meet with form tutors and discuss general progress after the first 8 weeks of being at Durrington.
- **Tuesday 23 January 2018** – Year 7 Parent/Carer Evening (students are expected to attend) – Individual discussions with subject teachers. Appointments will be made nearer the time.

Should you have any further queries about the start of term, please do not hesitate to contact form tutors or company leaders.

I hope you enjoy the rest of the summer and we'll see you in September.

Mrs Bridgeman-Sweeney
Assistant Headteacher

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