

Dear Parent / Carer

Below is a list of the FAQs, and responses, following the zoom meetings on 7<sup>th</sup> July.

I do hope that your questions have been answered but please do not hesitate to contact your child's company leader, or me, if there are any further clarifications needed.

We look forward to meeting our new members of Team Durrington on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

Kind regards

Mrs Bridgeman-Sweeney

Head of Transition

<u>Start of term</u> Why is there no 'year 7 only' day this September?	It was felt that, for so many year 6s having had their learning disrupted, getting them back into a learning routine should be a priority.
Will students have to wear uniform in September?	Yes they will.
Will the bike sheds be open?	Yes they will – both at the front and back of the school. If students plan to use public transport, they should remember to follow government guidelines
What happens if a student gets lost ?	They will have guidance at the start of the year to help them know where their lessons will be. There are always staff around to help. Following government advice, there will very little movement about the school at the present time.
<u>Lessons in September</u> Is there a year 7 only area?	From the start of term, the humanities area will be the year 7 bubble area. Year 7s will have access to the pavilion at set times when other year groups are not using it.
Are year 7s taught in company tutor groups ?	For most lessons, yes. There is some broad setting in mathematics and science.
What stationery is compulsory?	Pen, pencil, a scientific calculator and reading book are compulsory although we recommend a ruler too. We now also advise students to bring spare pens / pencils as they cannot be loaned at present.
Will year 7s have access to lockers?	Normally yes, but this won't be the case for a while at the start of term as students will be taught in bubbles.
If there are no lockers, where do they put their bags and PE kit?	For this September, students will come into school wearing school PE kit on the days they have PE. They will keep their bags with them.
Is PE mixed gender?	In year 7, yes.
What colour and fit do girls' PE shorts have to be?	They should be plain navy blue and a regular cut - not fitted or tight to the skin. Any logo should be no bigger than the thumb. No white lines / stripes of any description. There must be no splits at the sides.
Are football boots and socks compulsory?	They are recommended rather than compulsory for outdoor games activities which make up at least 50% of the curriculum.
<u>Social times</u> When is lunch?	From September, these will be staggered, to support social distancing, so students will be told their year group's times at the start of term.

Are students allowed to eat at break and lunch?	Yes, but they must ensure that they dispose of all litter appropriately. Energy drinks and drinks in cans are not to be consumed on-site.
How does the canteen work?	Students queue into the canteen / pavilion, choose their food and then pay by fingerscan as they exit. The finger scanner is wiped each time it is used.
<u>Extra-curricular</u> How long should year 7s spend on homework?	The expectation would be approximately 30 minutes per homework task. No homework will be set for the first 2 weeks then one piece, per subject, will be set each fortnight. No PE homework for year 7s. Drama / music will set half-termly from October half term onwards.
What clubs are available?	In the past, we have had a huge range, including coding, Duke of Edinburgh, STEM, drama, music, art and at least 5 different sports clubs each day. We are yet to confirm which of those will be available in September.
Will students get to meet their company tutors on-line?	They will not meet them in a 'live' setting but all families have received a welcome video from their company tutor. Please check your junk mail folder if you haven't received it.