

New Intake Day 2026

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Durrington High School



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At Durrington
Every Child
Will
Thrive, Achieve
& **Belong**



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Starting YOUR DURRINGTON Journey

We know starting secondary school is a big step.
Here are some of the questions Y6 parents often ask...



What does their first day
and week look like?



What equipment
will they need?



How will they find
their way around?



How much homework
will they get?



What are the expectations
around uniform?



What is your
phones policy?



What and where
can they eat?



What clubs
are there?

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House Leader of Year 7: SVa

Deputy House Leader: FRa

Pastoral manager: JMu

Pastoral and behaviour support: KBe

Year 7 tutors/tutor groups - PINK TIE



**House Leader
Miss Vaughan**



**Deputy House Leader
Mr Rahman**



**Pastoral Manager
Mrs Mustill**



**Pastoral and
behaviour support
Ms Bea**



**Year 7 SLT link
Mrs Fuller**



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HOUSE TEAMS (Yrs 8-11 students)

	Attenborough		Pele		Turing		Malala		Seacole		Angelou	
	House Leader:	BCI	House Leader:	STr	House Leader:	JBu	House Leader:	GCh	House Leader:	ABr	House Leader:	NPo



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Year 6/7 transition

So far...

- Meet and greet
- Transition evening events
- Transition day
- Coffee mornings
- School visits/calls
- Small schools event
- SEND visits

Moving forwards

- Behaviour curriculum
- Extra time leaving lessons
- Extra lunch time
- Year 7 lunch club



Summer Challenge

- Complete 6 challenges to be nominated for an Aspiration badge (our KAPP team will then decide if you get your badge)
- Collect the work created and bring it in on the first day to give to the tutor.
- Letters and postcards can be sent directly to the school
- Photos via email (but remember, we may use these on our social media pages) summerchallenge@durring.com

With the title of 'Summer Holiday' create a short script/storyboard/film/ piece of movement that tells the story of a group of friends who go on holiday together Date____ Signature_____	Go into your garden/local park and search for wildlife. How many creatures/ species of plants can you find? You could make a tally, a graph, or you could take pictures. Date____ Signature_____	Practice your times tables? Do you know everything up to your 12s? Date____ Signature_____	Read in an unusual place you can find. Take a picture. Date____ Signature_____	Write a letter to your form tutor. You could tell them about yourself or what you have been up to Date____ Signature_____
Read 5 new books Write a review about 1 of them. Date____ Signature_____	Send us a postcard from somewhere you have been these holidays Date____ Signature_____	Make a poster about how to manage your feelings about starting secondary school Date____ Signature_____	Keep a diary of some (or all) of your holidays Date____ Signature_____	Write a fact file about yourself for your new form tutor Date____ Signature_____
Draw/paint/collage a picture of somewhere local- it could be your own house! Date____ Signature_____	Make a family tree; find out about your relatives! Date____ Signature_____	Create a map of the places you visit near you. Can you visit somewhere new? Date____ Signature_____	Bake some treats for you and your family! Date____ Signature_____	Try a new sporting activity. Take pictures, or write down how you got on Date____ Signature_____
Learn how to say 'please, 'thank you' and order a meal of your choice in a new language Date____ Signature_____	Learn the lyrics to a new song. Perform it to your family! Date____ Signature_____	Write a message for a new friend you met on transition day Date____ Signature_____	Make a 'survival' booklet for the new Year 6s at your old school Date____ Signature_____	Make a circuit/ mini Olympics with your friends Date____ Signature_____
Help your parent with 3 household chores of their choice Date____ Signature_____	Make a cartoon strip about secondary school Date____ Signature_____	Learn 10 facts about our local area Date____ Signature_____	Make a Durrington High School wordsearch Date____ Signature_____	Use our Durrington Seahorse Logo as art. You could collage or paint it Date____ Signature_____



Our school day

Timings for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	
8.35	WARNING BELL
8.45	Period 1 (with your house tutor)
9.15	Period 2
10.15	Period 3
11.15	BREAK 1
11.35	Period 4
12.35	Period 5
13.35	BREAK 2
14.05	WARNING BELL
14.10	Period 6
15.10	END OF SCHOOL



Period 1- 'Tutor time'

The role of our tutors are to:

- Be a **support network** for their form and form a bond with their tutees
- To deal with any **friendship issues** in form
- To celebrate any **achievements**
- To check **equipment and uniform**
- To assist the house team with **attendance and behaviour**
- To run the **period 1 sessions** effectively

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Period 1- 'Tutor time'

Period 1 sessions

In The News- A round up, and discussion of, current news events

Assembly- Whole house assembly where a key theme is explored and messages are given

DEAR/Class read- Drop Everything And Read (independent reading) or reading a key text with a teacher

Behaviour Curriculum- The opportunity to understand how we behave at school and how this impacts ourselves and others

Friday Chat- Discussion of a current topic as a class

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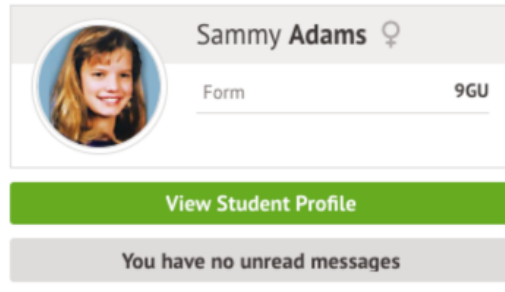


Arbor

Your Homepage Dashboard

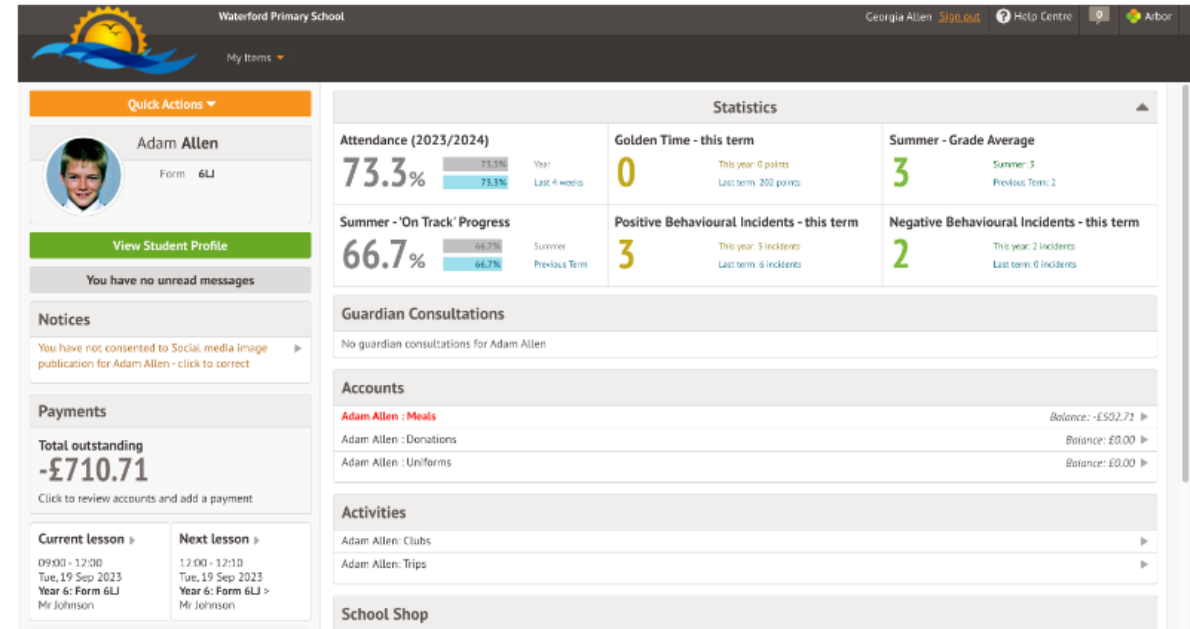
The dashboard is the first screen that you will see. This gives a quick glance of the student's daily timetable, behaviour points, meals, notices, current attendance and progress.

You can see your **in-app messages** by clicking this button under your child's photo.



You can return to this page at any time by clicking on the school's logo or choosing Dashboard from any menu. On the homepage you'll also see sections for:

- **Statistics** - This shows information about the student's attendance, behaviour and progress statistics for the current term.
- **Guardian consultations** - The **Guardian Consultations** section allows guardians to book time for Parents Evening meetings by selecting one of the available slots as per the School's setup.
- **Assignments** - This section shows any homework or coursework assignments that are due, overdue or marked.
- **Accounts** - The **Accounts** section loads the student's current Meals and other top-up account balances.
- **Trips** - Sign your child up for trips.
- **Clubs** - Sign up to **standard clubs** or **Breakfast and After School clubs**.



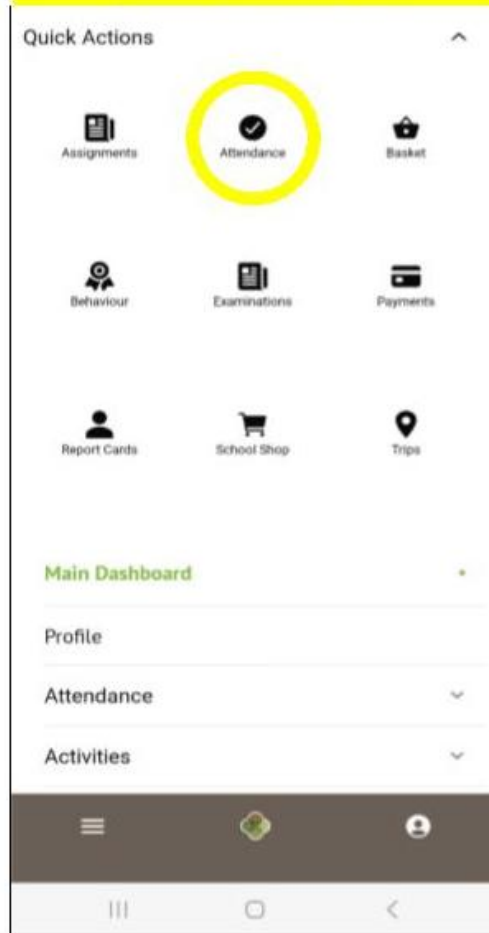
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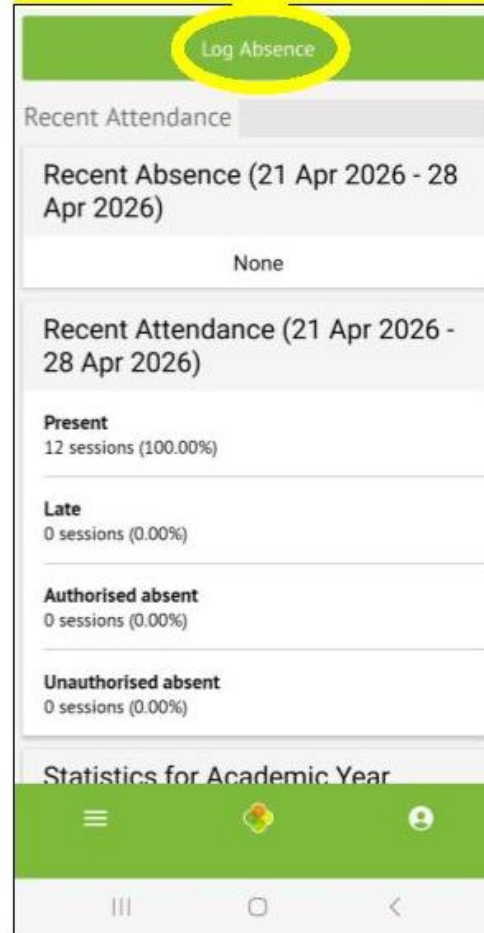


Reporting on the day absence – new system in Arbor for parents/carers

Step 1 – open Arbor app and click on Attendance



Step 2 – click on “Log Absence”



Step 3 – provide the details for the absence (Checking NHS guidance if it is illness) then click to “Log Absence” at the bottom.

Log Absence

Info

This form lets you notify that [redacted] will be absent today, Tue, 28 Apr 2026. If you need to record an absence for a future date, you will need to contact the school.

Student
Katie Linscer

Date
Tue, 28 Apr 2026

Absence start
08:45

Absence end
15:10

Note: if the absence is for an in-day appointment please adjust timings.

Reason

CANCEL

LOG ABSENCE



Wearing your uniform



Uniform

- Skirts
- Trousers
- Shoes
- Socks
- Jewellery
- Ties- 7 seahorses
- Lashes/nails
- Hair colour

Equipment

- 2 pens
- 2 pencils
- A ruler
- A reading book
- Scientific Calculator *(you can buy this via Arbor over the summer/start of the year for a reduced price)*
- Expectation card
- PE Kit

All can be bought at Broadwater Sports or our upcoming second-hand sale



PE Kit



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Homework

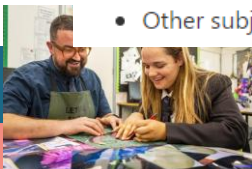
The evidence basis behind homework setting suggest that the amount of homework set is not directly linked to positive outcomes. The benefits of homework are dependent on the quality of homework set, feedback students receive on this and the quality of homework completion by students.

Year 7 and 8:

- Students will receive homework in core subjects (Mathematic, English and Science) once per fortnight (equating to approximately to 30-45 minutes of work per piece)
- To support students in developing strong study routines core homework will be set on a fortnightly timetable as outlined below:

Week A	Tuesday Week A	Wednesday Week A	Thursday Week A	Friday Week A
Maths Year 8 Set and Due	Science Year 7 Set and Due			English Year 8 Due and Set
Monday Week B	Tuesday Week B	Wednesday Week B	Thursday Week B	Friday Week B
	Maths Year 7 set and due	Science Year 8 set and due	English year 7 set and due	

- Other subjects (not including Drama and PE) will set homework twice per half term.



Food

- Pavilion (Y7/8)
- Finger print/ Money top up

WEEK 1

WEEK COMMENCING

01/04/2024 22/04/2024 15/05/2024 05/06/2024 24/06/2024 16/07/2024

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS

VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS

MONDAY

Buffalo Chicken with Smoked Paprika Wedges and Cajun Corn

TUESDAY

Classic Beef Lasagne, Garden Salad & Homemade Garlic Bread

WEDNESDAY

Glazed British Roast Gammon or Lemon & Thyme Roast Chicken, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & House Gravy

THURSDAY

Chicken Massaman Curry, Wholegrain & White Rice with Pineapple, Lime & Cucumber Salsa

FRIDAY

Chip Shop "Fryday" Fish, Pizza or Fishcake & Chips with Peas & Tartare Sauce

MONDAY

Bang Bang Cauliflower, Smoked Paprika Wedges and Cajun Corn (VE)

TUESDAY

Vegetable & Mixed Bean Lasagne, Garden Salad & Homemade Garlic Bread (V)

WEDNESDAY

Leek & Spinach Wellington, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & House Gravy (V)

THURSDAY

Pea & Halloumi Fritters, Wholegrain & White Rice, Pineapple, Lime & Cucumber Salsa (V)

FRIDAY

Vegan Onion Bhaji Burger with Slaw, Chips & Peas (VE)

DESSERTS

MONDAY

Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce

TUESDAY

Apple Strudel & Custard

WEDNESDAY

Peach Kuchen

THURSDAY

Pear & Caramel Sponge

FRIDAY

Manager's Special

Fruit and Jelly Pots Available Daily

HOMEMADE SOUP & FRESHLY BAKED BREAD Available Daily

JACKET POTATOES Topped with a Choice of: Cheese, Tuna or Beans Available Daily

street VIBES



MONDAY

Buffalo Cauliflower Wings on Salt & Pepper Wedges (V)

TUESDAY

Garlic & Lemon Chicken Gyros

WEDNESDAY

Chicken Yakitori with Rice

THURSDAY

Loaded Potato Skins

FRIDAY

Manager's Street Vibes Special

NATURally

MONDAY

Chilli & Lime Glazed Tofu Skewer with Tomato Rice (VE)

TUESDAY

Vegan Singapore Noodles (VE)

WEDNESDAY

Jerk Jackfruit Open Wrap (V)

THURSDAY

Pakistani Tarka Dhal (V)

FRIDAY

Manager's Special

TRATTORIA

MONDAY

Tomato & Basil Pasta

TUESDAY

Creamy Pesto Pasta

WEDNESDAY

Mozzarella & Tomato or Pepperoni, Cheese & Tomato Pizza

THURSDAY

Pasta in Cheese Sauce

FRIDAY

Mozzarella & Tomato or BBQ Chicken, Cheese & Tomato Pizza

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Clubs

After-School Clubs Summer 2nd half term 2026

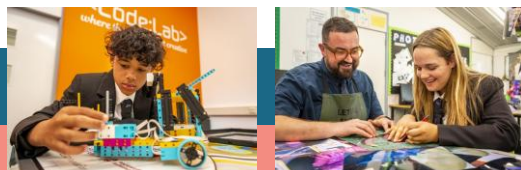
Lunchtime Clubs

Day	Club	Year	Staff	Venue
Monday	Rubix Cube Club	All Years	Miss Gover	G26M
	Careers Club	All Years	Mr Henry	Careers Library
	Dance Club	All Years	Mrs Poole	Dance Studio/Bistro
Tuesday	Careers Club	All Years	Mr Henry	Careers Library
	Debate Club	All Years	Mrs Leney & Miss Addison	S2
Wednesday	Careers Club	All Years	Mr Henry	Careers Library
	Lego Spike Club	Y8	Ms Taylor	F26T
	Chess Club	All Years	Mr Borrett & Mr Veness	G18M
Thursday	LGBTQ+	All Years	Sawyer & Miss Hoole	G31E
	Careers Club	All Years	Mr Henry	Careers Library
	Dance Club	All Years	Mrs Poole	Dance Studio/Bistro
	Minecraft Club	Y8	Mrs Carter & Ms Taylor	F26T
Friday	Book Club	All Years	Mrs Dacosta & Mrs Childe	Library
	Fashion/Textiles	9	Mr Bloomer	FO3T
	Careers Club	All Years	Mr Henry	Careers Library
	Dance Club	All Years	Mrs Poole	Dance Studio/Bistro

Extra provision available at lunchtimes-

Use of the sports hall & sports arena for basketball, field and astro turf for football.

Day	Club	Year	Staff	Venue
Monday	Band Night	All Years	Music Department	F20
	Karaoke Club	All Years	Music Department	F14C
	Girls who code (every other week)	KS3	Mrs Carter	F26T
Tuesday	Athletics Club	All Years	Mr Pickford, Miss Miller, Mr Mott	PE Office
	Futsal Club	Y7	Mr Cobb	PE Office
	Stem Club	Y8	Mrs Laming	GO9S
	Geography Club	All Years	Mrs Steele	UO7T
	Creative Writing	All Years	Mr Gaffney	D4
	Y7 Minecraft Club	Y7	Mrs Carter	F26T
	Coding Club	All Years	Mr Scott	F24T
Wednesday	Y9 Gifted & Talented Art (Invite only)	Y9	All Art Staff (October-February)	All Art Rooms
	KS4 GCSE Enrichment	Y10 & Y11	All Art Staff	All Art Rooms
	Cricket Club	All Years	Mr Poole & PE Staff	Sports Hall
	KS3 MFL Club	Y7, Y8 & Y9	All Languages Staff	UO3L
	Science Club	Y7	Miss Galton	G10S
Thursday	Pantomime	All Years	Performing Arts Staff	PA Centre
	Dodgeball Club	All Years	Miss Cann	PE Office
	Whole School Musical	All Years	Performing Arts Staff	PA Centre
	History Club	All Years	Mrs Clarke & Mrs Finch	F34H
	Silent Reading Club	All Years	Mrs Dacosta	Library
Friday	KS4 GCSE Enrichment	Y10 & Y11	All Art Staff	All Art Rooms
	Rounders Club	All Years	Mrs Poole	PE Office
	Tennis Club	All Years	Mr Brombley	Courts
	Dance Live	All Years	Performing Arts Staff	PA Centre



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KAPP



Students begin with the bronze award aiming to earn the 4 KAPP badges. This results in the seahorse, the ultimate accolade of recognition. Once they have the bronze seahorse, students work towards silver, then gold, followed by platinum!

Date	KAPP Behaviour	Staff Initials
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/		
10 positive signatures from staff will lead to a pride award.		



What can you do to get your child 'ready'?

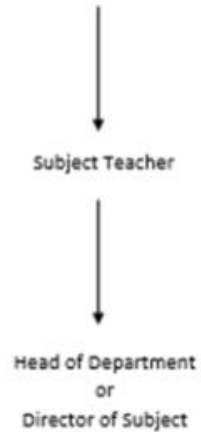


- 'Go big' book
- Discuss concerns with your child
- Discuss exciting elements of secondary school
- Practice your walk/cycle/school drop off
- Ensure they have the correct uniform
- Engage them with the summer challenge
- Ensure you are signed up to Arbor and your details are up to date
- Read the 'Year 6 to 7 Induction Handbook'



Useful Links and Who to Contact

- Subject specific areas:
- homework
 - classwork
 - a behaviour sanction, relating to a lesson



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- Other issues, for example:
- general behaviour
 - bullying
 - attendance/punctuality



On first instance of: behaviour/bullying/attendance, contact tutors.

If persistent, contact house team (Mrs Mustill, Ms Bea or Mr Rahman), followed by house lead (Miss Vaughan)

Contact details for all staff and their roles are on the school website.

We always aim to respond to queries within two working days. Please be patient.



Meet the tutors

Now feel free to meet the tutor, get to know them; you may want to tell them about your child.

Questions are best directed to a member of staff who has been at the school for some time, there will be 1 in each room.

Form	Staff member	Room
A (AHu)	Adam Hughes	Main hall
B (JCh)	Jodie Chan (/Sam Gill)	G18
C (BMa)	Beth Maughan	G19
D (RGa)	Rosie Gaskell	Main hall
G (AGr)	Annie Grimes	G20
H (ABo)	Adam Brombely	G21
J (SGe)	Sara Gerlings	G24
K (SBu)	Sophie Buitenhuis	G25
M (IBa)	Irene Baquedano	G26
N (MHa)	Mary Harding	G27
P (LVa)	Lily Vane	Main hall
S (PRo)	Paul Roberts	Main hall

