



Tadcaster Grammar School

'A Culture of Excellence'

20 July 2018

Dear Parents

Start of Term Arrangements for September 2018

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 cohort on Tuesday 4 September for their first official day as Tadcaster Grammar School students. In order to help our new students get off to a great start, this first day is only for Year 7 students with the other year groups starting the following day.

Start of Day Arrangements for Tuesday 4 September:

Students should go to the main hall where they will sit in their house groups for a short assembly outlining the plans for the day. There will be lots of staff around school, at the entrance and on the bus park (buses will operate a full service despite only Year 7 being in school) to direct students and answer any questions they may have.

Plan for the day:

We are keen for students to 'get into the swing' of daily life at Tadcaster Grammar School as quickly as possible and we have planned the day with this in mind with students getting their new timetables, school planners, having House and individual photographs taken and having a formal assembly with Mrs Wilson, Head of School, before starting their regular lessons.

Equipment:

Students should bring pens, pencils, ruler, eraser and a calculator to school every day along with a reading book. Many students also bring colouring pencils, a highlighter pen and a small geometry set with a pair of compasses. If a student already has their own calculator it is fine for them to use in school. If they do not, the maths faculty 'bulk buy' some Casio scientific calculators which they may purchase in September.

Lunchtimes:

We will be setting up the biometric payment 'thumbprint' accounts for students at the start of term. In order to do this, we require you to give permission..

Please follow this link: <https://web.tgsch.uk/parents/useful-forms/> to give your consent for us to set up thumbprints on the cashless catering system.

You are able to 'top up' your child's lunch money via parentpay or through putting cash into the machines located near the dining hall. Credit is automatically transferred daily for those students eligible for free school meals. For the first couple of days we recommend students bring around £3 in cash to buy their lunch whilst we ensure that all the student details are properly collected.

For the first few days students in Year 7 will be allowed into lunch slightly earlier than the older students whilst they get used to the system.

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Getting in touch over the summer:

Throughout the summer break there will be a range of staff in school at various times dealing with GCSE and A level examination results and getting ready for September. If you wish to get in touch on a non-urgent matter then an email to the appropriate member of staff would be appropriate but please be aware this may not be picked up until September. If the matter is more pressing then I will be checking emails (s.wren@tgs.starmat.uk) throughout the summer break.

Key dates:

As shared at the Transition Evening, there are some planned key dates for you to be aware of in the Autumn term:

Wednesday 12 September, 6.00pm: Year 7 Parents Information Evening where we share with you information that we believe parents need to know in September.

Wednesday 3 October, 5.15pm: Year 7 Residential Information Evening

Wednesday 17 October, 3.30-4.30pm: Meet the Tutor Evening where you have the opportunity to have a short meeting with your child's form tutor to talk about their first half term in secondary school.

I am very much looking forward to seeing Year 7 in September and building upon the two fantastic transition days.

With best wishes

Mr S Wren

Assistant Headteacher: KS3 Director