

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you had an enjoyable summer. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students to school tomorrow on **Thursday 3rd September**. I wanted to write to you to give you an update on what pupils need to know for their first day, and also our expectations.

Pupils should arrive to school tomorrow morning by 8:25am (when our school day starts). When pupils arrive to school, they should go straight to the Year 7 playground. There will be staff on duty to support pupils to find the playground. At 8:25am, they will be escorted to their tutor bases and tutor time will begin. During tutor time, pupils will receive their individual timetables, reminders about the school day, and key information which is summarised below:

Uniform: Each day, pupils need to wear their full Sheldon uniform smartly. A reminder of the uniform list is here: <https://www.sheldonschool.co.uk/assets/Documents/Uniform/Uniform-List.pdf>

During their induction to Sheldon, we will support pupils to ensure they are wearing their uniform smartly and correctly. We have high expectations for uniform and would appreciate your support with this.

Equipment: Each day, pupils need to be equipped to learn and have the necessary basic equipment: a black pen, a green pen, a pencil, a ruler, a gluestick, and a scientific calculator. As with uniform, this will be checked in tutor times so pupils are ready to learn.

During their induction to Sheldon, we will help pupils to build their independence and organisation by supporting them to ensure they have the correct equipment each day. We know that for some students organisation can be a struggle, so we ask that parents and carers support us by making sure that pencil cases and backpacks are packed each day with the correct items.

A reminder of the full equipment list is here:

<https://www.sheldonschool.co.uk/home/information/equipment-for-school/> Pupils only need to bring PE kit on the day their timetable states they have PE. On Thursday 3rd September, Year 7 pupils do not have PE lessons, so do not need to bring their PE kit.

Phones: We are a phone-free site, and pupils will be provided with their own Yondr pouch to keep their phone in during the school day. Pupils will be given their Yondr pouches and shown how to use them during tutor time tomorrow. More information about the Yondr pouches will be sent separately today by Mr Scourfield.

Class Charts: Class Charts is a platform which is used to praise pupils, set sanctions and homework. During this term, pupils will be shown how to use Class Charts. As a parent/carers, you will also be able to log in to monitor your child's behaviour points and homework tasks. Information about how to log in to Class Charts will be sent during Term 1.

Homework: Pupils will follow a homework timetable which will be set on Class Charts. However, to support pupils with their transition to Year 7, they will not be set homework until Monday 5th October when they will be set English, Maths and Science homework. Then, from Monday 2nd November, they will then be set homework for their other subject areas.

Break/lunch time: For break and lunch, pupils can bring in food from home, or purchase food at school via Parent Pay. Instructions on how to set up Parent Pay have been emailed separately. Pupils should bring a refillable water bottle to school. To help pupils settle in, on Thursday and Friday this week, lunch time for Year 7 will start 5 minutes earlier than the rest of the school.

Year 7 Camp: Information about Year 7 camp was sent at the end of the summer term. If you haven't already, please ensure that you paid for camp on Parent Pay. A copy of the letter and kit list can be found here:

<https://www.sheldonschool.co.uk/assets/Documents/Letters/2026-2027/Year-7-Camp-Letter-and-Kit-List-2026.pdf>

Please note that phones should not be taken to camp.

We are looking forward to seeing all our Year 7 students tomorrow, and if you have any questions, please contact your child's tutor in the first instance.

Many thanks,

Miss R Barr
Head of Year 7