



5 September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be writing to you for the first time as your child's Head of Year 7, and to share what a fantastic start our students have made to the new academic year.

Last week, it was wonderful to see over 190 students take part in our *"Getting to Know You"* sessions. These gave pupils the chance to get to know one another and begin building friendships, while also taking part in a range of engaging activities linked to Science, Maths and PE. The enthusiasm, teamwork and positive energy on display set a really encouraging tone for the year ahead.



Since then, I have been so impressed with how Year 7 have settled into school life this past week. They have already set high standards and have made an excellent first impression across the school. Their behaviour, attitude to learning, politeness and smart appearance in uniform have all been commendable.



Your child's Form Tutor will be making contact shortly. Their Form Tutor is the first port of call for parents, carers and students for any queries or issues that may arise. Please do reach out to your child's Form Tutor in the first instance. You will be able to meet your child's Form Tutor at the Year 7 Information Evening on Monday 15 September, which is detailed further below.

If you would like to contact any other member of teaching staff at school, you can find their contact details, along with Tutors, on the [Meet the Team](#) section of our website.

Other key pages to use on our website include [Go4Schools \(G4S\)](#), [ParentPay](#) and [Free School Meals](#) for those that may be eligible. Go4Schools can be accessed through any electronic device by downloading the app or using the web-based platform. Further instructions on how to log-in can be found on the [Go4Schools page](#) of our website.

There are several items, events and opportunities coming up that I am excited to detail to you here:

### **Year 7 Information Evening**

We are delighted to invite you and your child to the Year 7 Information Evening on **Monday 15 September**. During the evening parents and carers will meet their child's Form Tutor and receive key information from both the Form Tutor and Senior Leaders.

Parents and Carers do not need to book for this evening; please arrive at the front of school where our staff will meet you. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to receive information about how we can work together towards the best success of our young people.

There are 2 presentations on the evening for you, and there are 2 opportunities to attend:

Presentation	Time	
Formal Senior Staff Presentation (30 minutes)	4:45pm	5:30pm
Meet the Tutor Presentation (20 minutes)	5:25 pm	6:10pm

Please organise your evening to attend both presentations at a timing of your choice.

A Marketplace will be available throughout the evening from 4.00pm through to 6.30pm with a small number of tables led by key members of our support staff and will be an opportunity to gain information and ask additional questions to support your child's well-being and progress outside of the classroom. These include:

- Student Support and IEN Faculty – SEND, Family Support, Mental Health, Safeguarding and personalised provision
- Digital Literacy
- Pupil Premium and Free School Meals,

Additionally, a small number of families will be contacted next week to meet individually with Form Tutors from 4.00pm ahead of the first presentation cycle. The Year 7 Form Tutors and I look forward to seeing you there.

### **Race for Life**

On **Friday 26 September**, we are supporting the Cancer Research UK Race for Life through our annual whole school event (weather permitting).

Starting in Tutor Time, students will have the opportunity to run or walk a marked-out route of our school field. Students can come into school in their NLS PE kit and NLS blazer and can wear a pink item of clothing and/or accessory. All students and staff are encouraged to donate £1, either in cash or via ParentPay.

### **Year 7 Trip to the Botanical Gardens**

This trip is a great opportunity for students and is scheduled to take place during the **week commencing 6 October**. Students will get the opportunity to experience Animal Handling and a Rainforest Challenge. A letter with all the details has also been sent today. Our vision is that every child in the year group attends this trip to broaden their horizons as well as foster greater friendships amongst their peers.

### **Whitemoor Lakes**

I will be writing to you soon regarding an opportunity for your child to attend the annual Year 7 trip to Whitemoor Lakes. This will take place **Friday 24 April to Sunday 26 April 2026**, where students will be encouraged to develop their team building and leadership skills, as well as engage in physical activity and personal development.

### **Start of the day**

A reminder that lesson 1 starts at 08:45am therefore students must be on site by 08:40am at the latest to ensure that they are on time. Year 7 should be entering and exiting via the Lillington Road gate unless alternative arrangements have been agreed.

### **Timetables**

Students have received their timetables through Go4Schools and an ID card which shows a printed copy of their timetable. Please remind your child to keep this safe; lost ID cards will be available at a cost through Parent Pay.

Starting secondary school can feel like a big step, but Year 7 have risen to the challenge brilliantly. I am confident that, with this strong beginning, they will continue to flourish both academically and personally throughout the year.

Thank you for your support at home, which makes such a difference as your child begins this exciting new chapter. I look forward to working closely with you over the years ahead.

Yours sincerely,



**Mr. B Butler**

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