



Transition Parent Meeting



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THE APOSTLE**

**Thursday 3rd July
2025**

School Prayer

Let us pray together:

We bless you our most high God and Lord of mercy.

We pray that you would bless each one of us this day.

Give us inquiring minds and discerning hearts.

Give us courage to persevere in all we undertake.

Give us the gift of joy and wonder in all things.

Give us laughter and love to share with others.

Give us protection and safety in all that we do.

And give us sure and certain knowledge of your unfailing love.

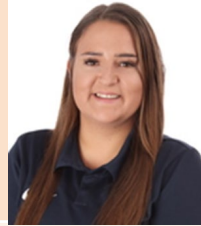

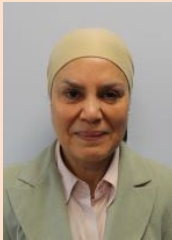
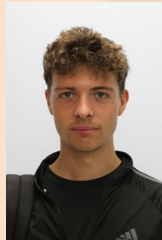
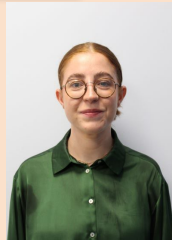


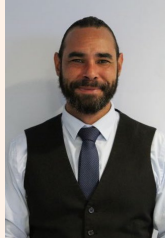
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit both now and forever and to the ages of ages.

Amen.

New Buildings – New Beginnings



Year 7 Pastoral Team

Role	Staff
Assistant Headteacher for Character Education, Safeguarding Lead & SLT link for Year 7: Ms Walt	
Head of Year: Mrs Nelson	
Form Tutors: Ms Erami, Mr Godden, Ms McCaffrey & Mr Walch	   
Behaviour & Inclusion & Safeguarding Support: Miss Azad & Mr Dixon	 



Our Pledge to you

As a community, we are committed to supporting your child to grow academically, socially and spiritually.

Our core values are at the heart of all that we do.

- Respect
- Responsibility
- Caring
- Fairness
- Forgiveness
- Trustworthiness



Supporting Your Child through Transition

Transition is a wonderful but also sometimes a scary prospect. You can support your child in ensuring their first few days go very well by helping them to be prepared.

- **Uniform**
- **Attendance & Punctuality**
- **Equipment**
- **Mobile Phones**
- **Arrangements for the first day**
- **Key Dates**

Uniform

Full details of our uniform can be found on the website. Please be mindful of the following:

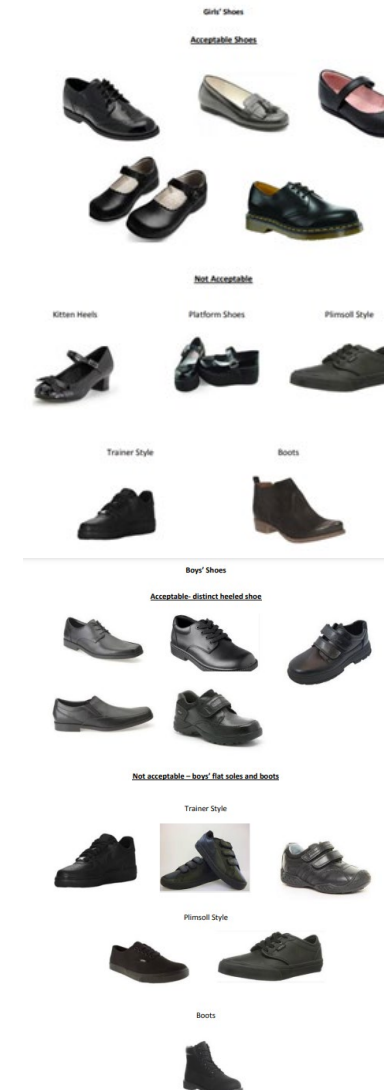
Jewellery: A watch, a medic alert bracelet if required and a small pair of studs – one in each ear only.

Hooded Tops: These are banned items and must not be worn to school. School jumpers should be worn over PE kits

Shoes should have a distinct heel for boys – images of appropriate footwear can be found on the website. Please check this before buying new shoes.

Make-up: No make up, including nail varnish should be worn. Any make-up will need to be removed in school.

Skirts: Must be knee length. Please do not have the skirts tailored shorter as they will grow out of them very quickly.



Equipment

Being Prepared

- Two pens to write with
- A pencil
- A green pen
- A ruler
- A calculator
- A geometry set
- A reading book



Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance is a significant contributing factor in helping to secure positive outcomes for your child.

There are clear links between children achieving good GCSE results and their attendance to school.

- Our minimum target is 96% for all our students. Children who achieve this have an 83% chance of securing 5 or more 9-5 grades at GCSE.
- When attendance drops to 90%, the chance of achieving 5 or more 9-5 grades at GCSE drops to just 57%.
- When attendance drops to 88%, the chance of achieving 5 or more 9-5 grades at GCSE drops to just 1%.

Ensure your child starts their day positively by being here on time. Breakfast is available from 8.10am in the canteen. They must be on site by 8.25am – practice runs over the summer will help to ensure this is achieved.



Mobile Phones

Following increasing awareness and public discussion regarding the potential harmful effects of smartphones on young people's mental, physical, and academic well-being, and a growing body of evidence links smartphone use to several serious harms and safeguarding risks, including:

- Poor mental health, such as anxiety, depression, and loneliness;
- Difficulty with attention, concentration, and social isolation;
- Sleep deprivation;
- Excessive social comparison;
- Exposure to inappropriate content including violent and pornographic material;
- Addictive behaviours that children struggle to manage;
- Reduced engagement in real-world activities and relationships (research suggests that the average 12-year old spends four hours per day on their smartphone).



Mobile Phones Continued

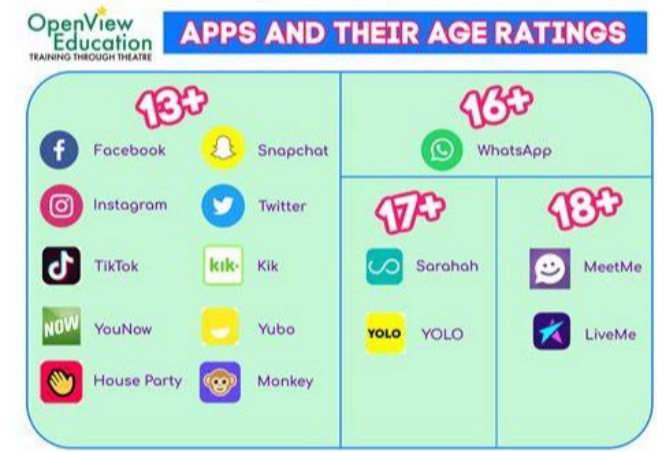
Your child's safety and wellbeing are our priority.

- **Brick phones will be allowed on site so that your child can contact you on their way to and from school.**
- **On site they must be switched off and kept safely in your child's bag / blazer.**
- **Any phones that are seen or heard in school will be confiscated and returned to a responsible adult after 5 school days.**
- **Please ensure you plan for journeys by printing off e-tickets for your child if they need to have these to travel.**



Mobile Phones: Parenting Top Tips

- As parents / carers you have the responsibility for monitoring your child's phone. Advice regarding how to keep your child safe online can be found on our website.
- Year 7 is an important time for your children as they become more independent. This is when they need our guidance the most regarding use of phones. We recommend the following
 - Mobile phones should be charged in a different room from their bedroom.
 - Agree to have an 'open phone policy'. Part of growing up is being responsible and proving that they can do this by sharing what they look at is a good way to build trust.
 - Take time to go through the recommended ages for social media sites and the law regarding the misuse of phones and messages.
 - Limiting / controlling access to devices.



<https://standrewtheapostle.org.uk/esafety>

Arrangements for the First 2 Days

Thursday 4th September 2025

8.20am	Arrival in playground
8.30-8.55am	Head of Year Assembly
8.55-9.45am	Tutor Time
9.45-10.35am	Headteacher Assembly
10.35-10.55am	Break
10.55-11.45am	Tours / IT logins
11.45-12.35pm	Tours / IT logins
12.35-1.20pm	Lunch
1.20pm	Dismissal

Friday 5th September

11.30am	Arrival
11.45-12.30pm	Reading Tests
12.30-1.20pm	Lunch
1.20-2.10pm	MidYis Tests / Teambuilding
2.10-3pm	MidYis Tests / Teambuilding
3pm	Dismissal

Typical School Day

The School Day

8.30-8.55	Form Time
8.55-9.45	Lesson 1
9.45-10.35	Lesson 2
10.35-10.55	Break
10.55-11.45	Lesson 3
11.45-12.35	Lesson 4
12.35-1.20	Lunch
1.20-2.10	Lesson 5
2.10-3.00	Lesson 6

Y7 Gilwell Park Induction Trip



Students take part in a range of land and rope-based activities focused on developing teamwork and communication skills as well galvanising friendships and encouraging students to overcome personal fears or targets.

Friday 3 October 2025

8.30am – 4.30pm

£45 per student

Deadline for permission slips is 12 September 2025.



"I loved it, my best friend is from my group on the trip"

100% student attendance in 2024/25.

"It was the best day; I climbed all the way to the top of the ladder"

Key Dates

- 4th September: First Day
- Thursday 18th September: Settling in Event
- Friday 3rd October: Trip to Gilwell Park
- Half Term: Monday 27th – Friday 31st October
- Christmas Holidays: Students finish 19th December and return Tuesday 6th January

Brief Parents Meetings Now:

If you have not completed enrolment forms, please see a member of the admissions team.

Can the parents / carers of the following students please speak to a member of staff who are situated at the back of the hall:

- Daniela Moita
- Raphael Herring
- Anushka Holder
- Alexander Florez Demetriades
- James Whyte
- Zion Henry
- Paige Yexley
- Natalia Sirakova
- Alexander Tanti

Uniform

Stevensons have set up in the rooms next to the Hall to allow you to try items for sizing. You will only be able to purchase the uniform so we have arranged the opportunity for you to size the uniform up today in CR11

If you do not need to check sizes, or see a member of the team, you may make your way off site.

