What to expect at secondary school

Welcome to year 7

There are 280 students in year 7 alone

Over 1300 students in the school

We have to have complex systems and structures

Communication may be different from primary schools

Who to contact:

Pastoral care/behaviour

Teaching & Learning

Tutor	Subject Teacher
↓	↓
Head of Year	Head of Department

How to contact staff

CLICK 'PARENTS' ON WEBSITE

Then click on 'Key Contacts'

Some email addresses in key contacts, but also a guide to finding your child's teachers' emails via EduLink

Contact throughout the year

Absence call, if not in school and no reason provided

Notes in their student diaries

Emails through Edulink to keep you informed of events

Phone calls, emails, and meetings if necessary

Reports and parent evenings

Meet the Tutor and Information evening (in school)

2nd reports

3rd reports + comments

17 Nov.

11 May

13 Oct.

23 Feb.

29 June

1st reports

teacher/parent evening (online)
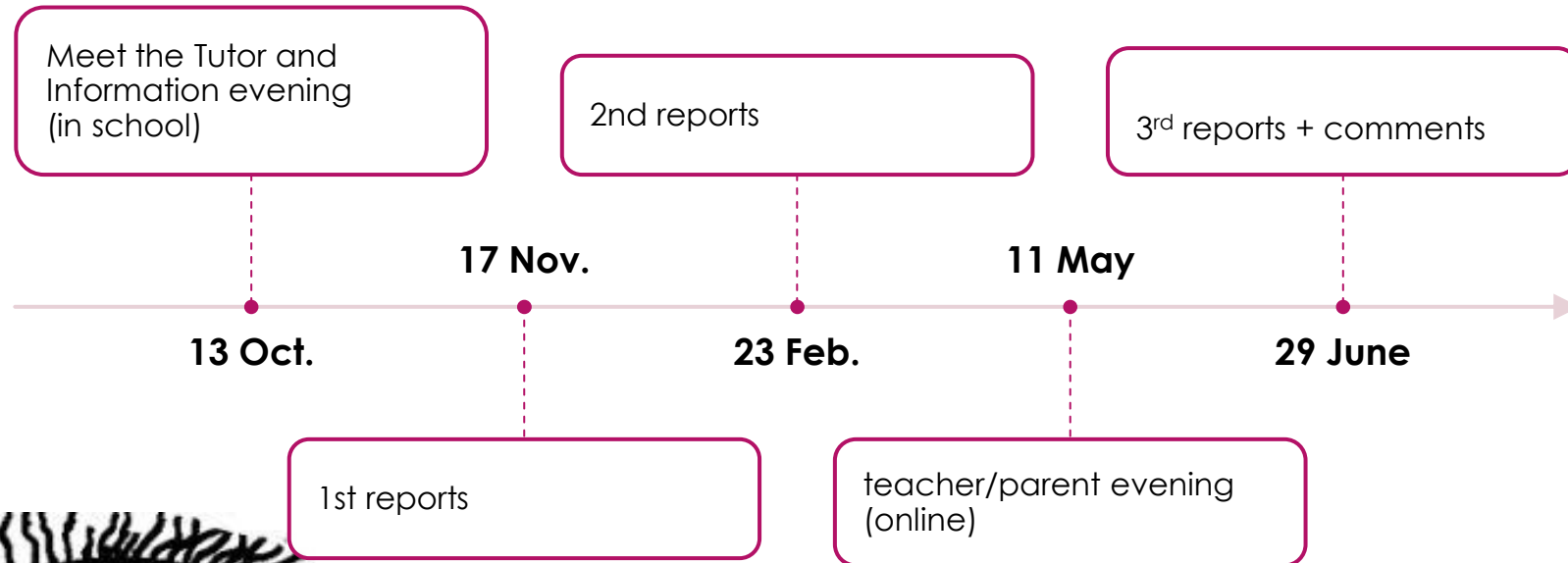
A note about teacher/parent evenings

- In primary schools, teachers normally have only one class of 30 pupils (and parents/carers)

- In secondary schools, most teachers teach students in 5 - 7 different year groups – so have up to 7 parent evenings each year

- So cannot have more than one evening for each year group

- Many teachers will teach several classes within each year group, especially at KS3. They may teach over a hundred year 7s!

- Teacher/parent evenings need to use time as efficiently as possible

- Consultation about online teacher/parent evening found that online was preferred by majority – no queues and can be done from anywhere!

Layout of reports
(see website: 'Key Information' → 'Assessment and Reporting')

What Does My Report Show?

Your Current "Working at Grade" Compare these to your Flight Path Target to see if you are currently on track

Your ATL Grade. Also the average ATL across each of your subjects

GCSE (end of year 11) Target Grades These are broken down into a "Current" Flight Path Target

		December 2021 REPORT 1				April 2021 REPORT 2				July 2022 REPORT 3			Average ATL Score	
														3.86
SUBJECT	TEACHER	Flight Path Target	Working At Grade	Attitude to Learning Grade	Concern Code	Flight Path Target	Working At Grade	Attitude to Learning Grade	Concern Code					GCSE TARGET
ENGLISH LANGUAGE		5	6-	4										6+
MATHEMATICS		5+	5+	3										7-
SCIENCE		5-	6	4										6
GEOGRAPHY		5+	4+	4										7
HISTORY		5+	6-	4										7
RE		5+	5+	4										7-
SPANISH		4	4+	4										6

How flight path targets are set
(see link in 'Assessment and Reporting' section)

Flight Path Targets

To make targets more meaningful and shorter term, we break them into targets for each academic report. This creates a 'flight path' of target grades for each student in each subject. To judge whether your child is on track to achieve their target grade by the end of the year, we compare the 'working at grade' submitted by the teacher with the grades on their 'flight path'. Whilst we appreciate that all students do not progress at linear rates, this gives you a guide as to the progress required to achieve the minimum target grade at the end of the year and the end of KS4

GCSE Target		Year 7				Year 8				Year 9				Year 10				Year 11			End of KS4
		Report 1	Report 2	Report 3		Report 1	Report 2	Report 3		Report 1	Report 2	Report 3		Report 1	Report 2	Report 3		Report 1	Report 2	Report 3	End of KS4
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Other events involving year 7 planned for this year

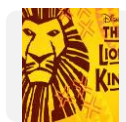|		
	Nov/ Dec	Trip to 'Harry Potter' studio
	6 Dec	Winter showcase concert
	9 Dec	Christmas Extravaganza (dance & drama show)
	28 Mar	Spring concert
	22 or 23 May	Trip to Chelsea Flower Show
	5 & 6 July	Performances of "Daisy pulls it off"
	12 July	Trip to Cadbury's World
	19 July	Trip to see Lion King
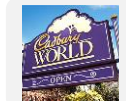
Other activities available

Extra-curricular clubs

- Brass Quartet, Chess club, Choir, Concert Band, Dance club, Drama, Design club, Dungeons & Dragons, Flute choir, French club, Games club , Greenpower group, Guitar ensemble, Jazz Band, Lunchtime chat, Me to We, Mural Graffiti, Orchestra, Percussion ensemble, Reading club, Science club, String group, Warhammer.

Other regular events

- House Competitions, Sports fixtures, Sports day, Achievement assemblies.

Please try to get involved!

Partnership with Parents

How you can help us to support your child

- ▶ your child in school everyday!
- ▶ your child in proper uniform and with all necessary equipment
- ▶ read your child's diary frequently and sign it weekly
- ▶ support with homework and recording of activities
- ▶ check Edulink regularly
- ▶ attend parent evenings
- ▶ show them you value their education highly

Punctuality and Attendance

▶ Research shows that 17 missed days of school per year (91% attendance) results in children achieving one grade lower in their GCSEs

▶ We aim for student attendance to be above 97% (fewer than 6 days absent per year)

Students are only required to be in school for 190 days per year.

That leaves 175 days for holidays, family time, outings, shopping and other appointments

Ready to Learn – essential equipment

Pen   Pencil   Ruler

Get Ready to Learn

Eraser   ID badge   Planner

Home Learning - a balance!

- Tasks set by subject teachers   (about 180 mins/week total)
- Reading – with parent or on own   (about 50 mins/week total)
- Extra-curricular activity   (60 mins/week)
- Wellbeing activity   (min. 10 mins/week)

Total 5 hours a week

Please help them find a quiet space to do teacher-set tasks

Students log the reading, extra-curricular, and wellbeing activities they do in their diaries.

Please sign you child's diary every week to confirm

Value their education

PROVEN LINKS TO HIGHER ACHIEVEMENT AND FEWER BEHAVIOUR PROBLEMS