



# Cardiff High School

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Dear Year 7 pupils, parents and carers,

We hope that you are all well and have enjoyed a well-deserved rest over the last few weeks. We are writing to you today with some reminders and information about your first day with us at Cardiff High School as a new Year 7 pupil.

Travelling to school is something you may want to start practising now so you know which route you will take and the journey time. Unless you have mobility issues, your parents and carers are not allowed to drive onto the school grounds, so please consider which off-site location you will use to be dropped off (and later picked up) if you are driven to school.

Many of you may want to ride your bicycles and we advise everyone to have their own bike chain and lock to avoid unnecessary confusion as someone may have the exact same model as you. The main bike racks are located at the front of the school near reception. We also suggest labelling your bicycle helmet. It is imperative you have a helmet for riding to and from school as the roads around our site are extremely busy and a helmet could make all the difference if you were to come off your bicycle for any reason.

All students return to school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and are expected to be wearing the full winter uniform of the school blazer, shirt, tie, black shoes, etc. Every day you should be on the school site by 8:30 a.m. and on your first day we ask that you meet Mrs. L. Richards, Mrs. R. James and the rest of the Year 7 team on the Front Astro (which is where you met staff during your transition days last term). If we have poor weather on that first day, we will usher you straight into Neuadd Celyn where we will begin proceedings at 8:40, which is the official start of the school day.

You should already know your form group as this information was sent out to your parents and carers during the last few weeks of the school year. Please try to memorise your form group information, e.g. 7H, as your form tutor group will be asked to sit in particular rows in Neuadd Celyn for the welcome messages from Mrs. L. Richards. If on the day you forget which group you are in then be reassured, we will help get you to the right place.

Up until break time, you shall be in your form group with your form tutor completing important tasks, such as receiving your student planner and timetable, getting to know each other and receiving your student ID card which you will use to buy items from the canteen and it also has the student ID number that you will need to

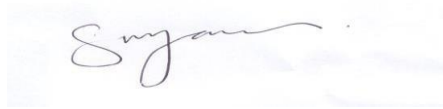
log onto our school computers. Please make sure your Parentpay account has money on it ready for the first day. If you intend to have a packed lunch every day, it is still advisable to have some money on your account in case you wish to purchase a snack or a drink. We have plenty of water fountains around the school so please bring in a refillable flask or drinks bottle.

With regards to equipment, you will need to make sure you have a sturdy rucksack, a pencil case, blue or black pens (at least two), a pencil, a sharpener, an eraser, a refillable water bottle and some highlighters (optional). The maths department also recommend you purchase the Casio FX-83GTX calculator as this model is what our maths teachers will teach you how to use and different models have different methods / buttons. We sell these specific calculators in school at a discounted price.

You will need the aforementioned equipment (minus the calculator which you can buy here in the first few weeks) for your first day because after break you will be going to your first lessons here at Cardiff High. You will not be having any Health and Wellbeing lessons during that first day so there is no need to bring in your PE kit. We know you will have a fantastic time meeting some of your new teachers and we will help you get to where you need to be for the first few weeks, so do not worry.

Please enjoy the rest of the school holidays and we look forward to seeing you on that first Wednesday in September.

Diolch yn fawr,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S M Jones', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

S M JONES

Headteacher