



HIGHFIELDS SCHOOL

Year 9
Welcome Presentation

Middle School - Welcome to Year 9



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Year 9 Form Tutors- Your first point of contact

The School Day

Years 7, 8 & 9	
Period	Time
Tutor	8:30 - 8:50
1	8:50 - 10:30
2	
Break	10:30 - 10:50
3	10:50 - 11:40
Lunch	11:40 - 12:10
4	12:10 - 13:00
Break	13:00 - 13:05
5	13:05 - 14:45
6	

- School will start at **8:30am**
- Students should aim to be on site no later than 8:20am
- Welcome on site at any time after **7:30am**.
- Breakfast will be available for students to purchase in the Restaurant from **8:00 am**. Students can choose where to sit when they arrive in school
- All lessons are **50 minutes** long.
- 20-minute morning break with Form at the start of the day

Form Time

- Form time is at the start of the day and will continue to facilitate our personal development programme.
- All students will attend Form time from **8:30am until 8:50am** daily.
- The Form Tutor will fulfil the essential role of caring for students; **crucially monitoring and supporting their progress socially and academically.**
- The Form Tutor will support with academic mentoring and **personal development** encouraging high standards of work and behaviour.
- The Form Tutor will be active in looking after the interests of the **whole child.**
- **Weekly year group assemblies** will take place in the Lyceum.

Our School Day

- Lunch is **staggered** and **shorter**, this for Key Stage 3 and 4 for two main reasons;
 - The first to have **older students on lunch separately to the younger students** which will allow them to sit with their friends which they have really enjoyed last year.
 - The second to **accommodate a slightly earlier finish** which was also universally popular.
- The 2:45pm finish will give students far more time to participate in extra-curricular activities, either in school or out, as well as keeping on top of their homework.
- Students will be able to remain in school until **5:00pm** either in organised activities or just to catch up on any work.

Breaks & Lunchtime

- As with previous years, food will be available to purchase in school. Please use **ParentPay** to provide your child with the appropriate funds. Please ensure you check this weekly to ensure your child does not spend more than their budget.
- Designated areas for year groups to enjoy their lunchtime (**35 minutes**). Year 9 will have the middle floor.
- Students may prefer to bring their **own lunch** to school
- Students will use the central staircases only during lunchtimes.
- Students can go **outside** at breaks and during lunchtime if they so wish.
- The MUGA will be made available to take part in physical activity.
- All students will have access to the Restaurant on the bottom floor to purchase hot meals.

Practicalities

- Students will need to bring their own equipment, with a minimum of two black or blue pens, pencil, scientific calculator, ruler, glue stick and pencil case.
- The majority of classwork will be carried out using student laptops, so it is essential laptops are fully charged and brought in every day.
 - **digitalsupport@hswv.co.uk**
- PE Kit - Students will attend school in their **uniform**. On the days they are timetabled PE they will change for their lessons. **No half and half, PE Kit and uniform. Students are in full uniform.**
- Please remember to label all of your child's equipment, PE Kit and uniform with their name.
- It has been increasingly useful for students to have earphones to support their digital learning. We would ask that all students bring earphones (not headphones unless there is a specific learning need) to support their use of their laptops in lessons. The use of these will be directed by the classroom staff and headphones/air pods should not be worn outside of lessons of course

Laptops: School Expectations

Thank you for supporting the laptop scheme which has seen a significant impact on students' learning and progress.

The expectations are:

- All students to have their laptop with them **every day / in all lessons / fully charged** (with exception of where prior notice should be given). If forgotten they should inform the Year Team.
- They should get their device open and **log into Office 365** as soon as they are in their Form room.
- All devices are to be **protected** by a laptop case / sleeve supplied or by their own case you have purchased.
- They **should not share** their laptop or login details for Office 365 with anyone other than their parent / carer.
- If a student has **damaged** their laptop, they or their parent/carer should contact digitalsupport@hswv.co.uk as soon as possible.

MCAS: Bromcom's parent/carers portal

All homework will be published on Bromcom which is accessible via the **MCAS App** along with other school information such as :

- Your child's timetable
- Your child's Progress Review
- Your child's homework
- Any after school clubs your child has signed up to
- Communications from school

And others to be rolled out...

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Dashboard Homepage and Launchpad YOU ARE HERE: Dashboard

Timetable

What is / up to?

Period	Subject	Class	Teacher	Time
AM	Tutor Group	10J		08:0
1	Physics	101/Ph1	Mr B Mehmi	08:3
2	Physics	101/Ph1	Mr B Mehmi	09:2
T/B	Tutor	10J/Tu	Ms P Thomson	10:1
3	Product Design	10B/Tp1	Mr S France	10:5
4	Product Design	10B/Tp1	Mr S France	11:4
PM	Tutor Group	10J		13:0
5	Mathematics	101/Ma1	Ms H Jhamat	13:0

Announcements

No Announcements data found

Progress Reviews

Published	Report
02/03/2022	Progress Review Year 10 (2021 - 2022 Spring 21/22)
01/02/2022	PR Yr 9 test, ADE (2021 - 2022 Spring 21/22)

Clubs & Trips

No Clubs data found

Homework

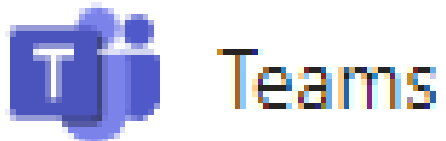
Does / have homework?

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Further support on how to set up or use the portal can be found on the school web site >Parents>[Bromcom](#)

Office 365: Teams and OneNote

- As part of school's ongoing development of digital learning, students and staff will be using Office 365 applications called Teams and OneNote for classwork and homework more frequently.
- If you are unaware of these applications, think of OneDrive as an online exercise book and Teams as a virtual classroom for each of your child's subjects. More support on these can be accessed on the school website.
- **Any homework** that has been set in OneNote or Teams **will still be published by staff on Bromcom** Student Portal and MCAS



Key Dates & Extra Curricular

- **Year 9 Transition Report** w/c 16th October
- **Course Choice and Careers Evening** on 31st January
- **Moving Forward event** w/c 5th February
- **Year 9 Parents' Evening** w/c 8th April - Microsoft Teams
- School exams will take place in February for option subjects and in June for Core subjects
- **Extra-curricular clubs** will be made available before and after school – departments will make you aware of the offerings at the start of term and the timetable will be published on the school website.
- Trips and visits will go ahead as planned

Key Progress Dates

Event	Dates
Transition Report	w/c 16 th October 2023
Progress Review 1	w/c 18 th December 2023
4Rs in Citizenship	w/c 8 th January 2024
Citizenship Mock Exam	w/c 22 nd January 2024
Year 9 School Exam week – options	19 th – 28 th February 2024
Progress Review 2	w/c 8 th April 2024
Year 9 Parents' Evening	w/c 8 th April 2024
Core Subject Exams	17 th – 28 th June 2024
Progress Review 3	w/c 15 th July 2024

Dates may be subject to change

High Expectations of Students

Getting it Right in Middle School:

We have high expectations

- 100% attendance
- On time to school and lessons
- 100% focus in lessons
- Homework
- Good learner
- Good work ethic
- Revision and preparation
- Good organisation



Weekly Middle School Focus

Getting it Right in Middle School:

Week 1 - Uniform

- Jewellery – think one – studs only, no facial piercings
- Make-up, lashes, liner and nails.
- Skirt length
- Trainer – remove the tag
- Hair colours/extreme cuts - patterns
- Highfield PE kit only – not half and half – no hoodies

Please refer to the Uniform Policy on the School Website



How can you support your child?



Preparation for Key Stage 4

- Partnership with school
- Know **target grades** and what students are working towards
- High expectations - don't accept excuses
- Take an active interest in their day
- Provide them with the resources they need to complete – a clear workspace at home
- Homework and independent study is to a quality standard
- Attendance matters - every lesson counts. Off school - catch up
- Reward and support



Choosing the Right Path

Throughout the Year:
Interviews and Conversations



Event	Dates
Year 9 Course Choice and Careers Event	w/c 29 th January 2024
'Moving Forward' Event	w/c 5 th February 2024
Year 9 Parents' Evening	w/c 8 th April 2024
Course Choice interviews begin	w/c 15 th April 2024

Careers Guidance

- Unifrog
- Highfields Careers Fair
- The World Skills Show and Wolverhampton Skills Show
- College and University open days
- Apprenticeship talks
- National Careers Week
- Preparation for Work Experience
- Career related trips and activities
- Individual mentoring
- Independent careers interviews
- Supported by the Careers and Guidance Team



Thank you for watching the Year 9 Welcome Evening presentation

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