

Testwood Year 6 Transition Bulletin



June / July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome again, this time to the final transition bulletin prior to your child starting in September. I hope that you have felt informed and supported through this process so far. I would like to share further information with you and signpost you to key pieces of information that you may not already be aware of.



Don't forget to visit our website for any further updates as we approach September. The Home, School Life and Parents sections should be utilised and used for any information not known as yet, such as in School Life you will find information on; equipment, school uniform expectations and the structure of the school day.

Dates for your Diaries

Start of September Term 2021:

Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September-Testwood Staff INSET days

Friday 3rd September- **New Year 7's** Lateral Flow Tests- attend onsite.
(Information from Mr Ward will go directly to you on this matter)

Monday 6th September –**New Year 7's** and Year 11's to start at Testwood
(further information to follow in this bulletin)

Tuesday 7th September- Years 8-10 return to Testwood

Tuesday 21st September- Year 7 Meet the tutor Event in the LRC

Thursday 30th September- School Photographs

Last day of half term: Friday 22nd October. Pupils return Tuesday 2nd November 2021

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Welcome from Year 7 Tutors.

(All tutors are Monday-Friday unless stated below)



7E1 Mrs C Hirst

Hello 7E1 students, I am a teacher of Food Technology. I am extremely excited to be your tutor in September and am looking forward to supporting you on your journey through secondary education here at Testwood School. As well as teaching Food Technology I also have a keen interest in sport, music, camping and looking after my dog called Doug. Developing your own interests and hobbies as well as succeeding in your academic studies is something I hope to support you in, as well as making sure you are organised and ready to learn. My current students say that I am strict but fair and sometimes fun but not too scary! I hope that you will feel just as excited as I am to be in our tutor group and look forward to meeting you all in September.



7EG Miss H Teague

Hello 7EG, with everything that you've gone through the past 18 months, starting secondary school must be a very nerve-racking but exciting prospect. During your time at Testwood I know you will turn from keen young people to prosperous young adults who will always try their best and make me proud to be your tutor. I'm excited to be starting at Testwood alongside you, and to meet and get to know all of you in September. See you soon!



7BL Mrs D Rennie

Dear Year 7,

I am delighted to welcome you to Testwood School as your tutor. I am looking forward to getting to know each one of you, and making sure that during your time at Testwood, you will have some of the best experiences of your life. Have a lovely summer and I can't wait for our new adventure to begin!

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7G1 Mr T Easterbrook

Hi 7G1, I am a Computing and IT teacher here at Testwood. I am going to be your new form tutor next year. I am really looking forward to meeting you all, and I hope you are all excited to be joining Testwood. I hope you have an enjoyable summer.



7L1 Mrs C Hodgson

Hi 7L1, I hope you're all excited to start Testwood in September, I can't wait to meet and get to know you all. You are lucky as you get to join the best tutor group and also to have your tutor time in a science lab as I'm also a Science teacher here. Have a great summer and see you all in September.



7B1 Mrs A Barnes

Hi year 7, I am so excited to meet you all in September! I am your tutor, but also Head of Drama at Testwood. I love all things creative and really look forward to getting to know you and supporting you in your secondary school journey. I've been at the school nearly 7 years and can honestly say it's the best school I've ever worked in- you're going to love it.

On a Monday you will also have the lovely Mrs Brown as your tutor as I am not in that day. I expect for you to try your best at every task, to ask lots of questions and to make our tutor group the best in year 7, 2021-22.

I know it can feel like a huge change but remember you have me, the school, your family and everyone else to help make the best possible start!

I Look forward to meeting you all in person, have an awesome summer break, :-)

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Mrs R. Brown 7B1

Mrs Barnes: Tuesday-Friday

Mrs Brown: Mondays only



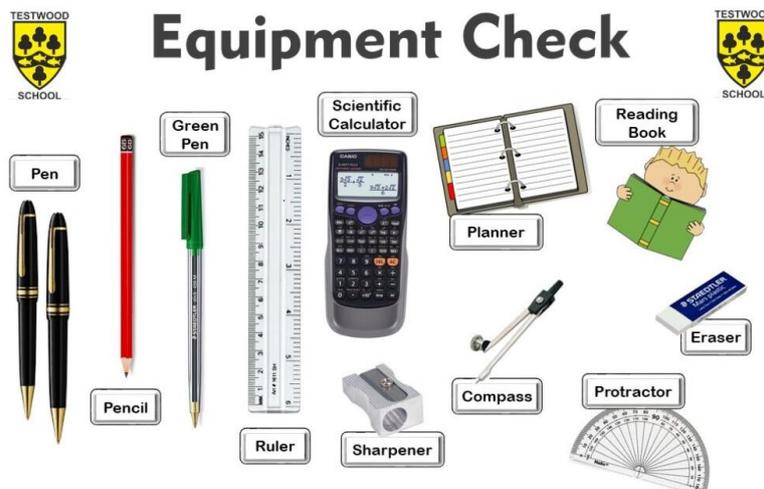
Mrs K. Lee-Betti 7BL

Mrs Rennie: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

Mrs Lee-Betti: Thursdays only

Be Ready, Be Responsible, Be Safe

To all Year 7's, please ensure you are ready for your start at Testwood. Good organisation is a crucial part of your educational experience. Follow the motto above and you will find the early days at Testwood a far more positive experience. Pencil cases should contain this range of equipment.



Quick reminder: Mobile Phones at Testwood

(The full policy is available on the school website to view)

- Mobile phones within school must be switched off and in the student's bag. It should not be seen or heard during the school day at any time.
(Before entering through the school gates)

All parents and carers, please could you discuss the school's expectations on mobile phones as well as their general use to ensure your child is not using it inappropriately before, on the way to and from school which could then find them involved in a pastoral incident, leading to a sanction.

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Monday 6th September 2021

Day 1: Pupils should arrive to Testwood by 8.20am entering via the pupil gates. Staff and Senior prefects will be on hand to show pupils to the main hall for a Welcome Assembly from Mrs Pitman and Mr Ainsworth which starts at 8.30am. All tutors will be there to welcome their pupils and show them where to sit. (on chairs) All pupils should be in full school uniform and there is no need for any pupils to bring their PE kit on day 1.

After an assembly for 20 minutes, pupils will go with their tutors to their tutor room for an hour to receive a school diary, timetable and other induction information. At 9.50am all pupils will be shown where to go for their period 2 lesson. They will then follow their timetable for the rest of the day.

Break is at 10.50am and the **lunch break is at 1.10pm-1.50pm.**

All pupils will be able to access food from the canteen as long as parents and carers have placed funds on parentpay.

A letter explaining the process for registering will be sent out in July so that you can complete the registration process over the summer, ready for the 6th September.

Those on free school meals will be able to access food at lunch.

All parents need to register on parentpay, as all food purchases and payment for trips / activities are through this method.

Technology Letter from Miss Barbour-Food and Nutrition

Please find attached in this email a letter from Miss Barbour regarding a request for a contribution to Design and Technology for the year 2021-22. The reason behind the contribution is to enable pupils to be provided with the necessary items instead of asking pupils to bring in certain items or ingredients such as flour and sugar prior to the lesson. Hopefully this avoids any confusion, organisation or forward planning to provide such items by parents. It will also reduce the range of ingredients required for each session.

Please return the reply slip to your child's tutor at your earliest convenience at the start of term. Once the finance office have the reply, you will be able to pay on parentpay.

Thank you for your support with this.

I hope that your child is really looking forward to the start at Testwood. If you have any concerns or questions, then please don't hesitate to email me. However, I am unlikely to reply before the 26th August due to the summer break.

I wish you all an enjoyable summer.

Mr N. Ainsworth

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