

# Welcome to Woodlands

## A Guide for Year 6 Students



# Welcome



Everyone at Woodlands is delighted that you will be joining us in September.

We are sorry that we haven't been able to come and visit you in your Primary Schools this term, so we thought we would make this special book, to help you find the answers to some of the questions that you might have about moving to Woodlands.

We will still make sure that you have chance to get to meet us all, and we will have a special programme of activities to help you settle in. Unfortunately, we can't tell you quite yet when particular events will take place, but we promise that we will keep in touch once we know more.

We would like to invite your families to keep in touch with us via our school Facebook and Twitter accounts - where you will be able to see what our students and staff are up to this term.

If you have any particular questions about moving to Woodlands, please email us at [transition@woodlands.southampton.sch.uk](mailto:transition@woodlands.southampton.sch.uk)

I'm looking forward to meeting you all soon.

*Mr Henderson*

*Headteacher*





# Who's Who?



*Mr Crowe - Head of Year 7*

You may have seen him in your primary school over the last year doing assemblies and coming to speak to your class. Hopefully you also have met him at our Open Evening in September. Throughout Year 7 along with your tutor he will be responsible for your attainment and personal well-being. He will monitor your achievements, progress and ensure that you are happy at school. He may also meet with your parents/ carers should we or they have any concerns.



*Mrs Francis - Assistant Head of Year*

She supports Mr Crowe dealing with issues surrounding your personal well-being. She is also the person who may ring your parents about attendance and other issues that you may be worried about. She is always there if you have concerns, in particular, as you are making the transition to secondary school.



*Mrs Lowth - SENDCO*

She supports students who may have Special Educational Needs. She also leads a team of Teaching Assistants who you may see in lessons supporting groups of students or may work with students in our LINK area when not in lessons.



*Miss Iverson - Deputy Headteacher*

She has lots of responsibilities but in particular is in charge of the pastoral system in school and behaviour. She works with all the Year Leaders, Assistant Year Leaders and tutors to make sure that you have a positive school experience and achieve all that you can. She is also responsible for making sure that you get lots of rewards for trying hard and following the school values.



*Miss Sutton - Deputy Headteacher*

She mainly works with Subject Leaders and is in charge of what you study (the curriculum). She supports and leads teachers to make sure that you all make the progress expected of you, not only in Year 7 but throughout your time at Woodlands. She also supports the year teams, in particular Year 7, to make sure that our community is a purposeful and well-ordered place to learn.

*We are all really looking forward to meeting you soon and working with you.*

# Uniform



It's really important that you have the right clothes for school. We will send some information home soon about how to order your uniform.

## *Everyone must wear:*

- A black blazer with the school logo on
- A plain white school shirt
- A school tie (with stripes in the right colour for your House)
- A black school skirt or black school trousers
- Plain black school shoes (not trainers)



## *Optional Items:*

In the summer, you are able to wear a white Woodlands polo shirt instead of your shirt and tie



In the winter, you might choose to wear a black school jumper as well as your blazer



Your uniform is checked every day. If you are not wearing full uniform, you will not be allowed to go to lessons.

We will send you some more information about the kind of trousers and skirts that will be acceptable later in the year, but if you need any advice, all items from Schoolkit are suitable.



# PE Kit

You will have two lessons of PE, and two lessons of Dance per fortnight. You will need to have school PE kit for all these lessons, including a pair of trainers

There is a choice of PE kit, so you can select something that you are comfortable with.

Everyone must wear a school sports top - you can pick one of these:



Everyone needs a pair of school shorts or trousers, and navy sports socks



*Optional items: for outdoor PE*

Remember, you won't be able to wear any non-school kit or clothing.



# Equipment



In order to be successful at Woodlands, you will need to have all the right equipment to learn successfully.

<i>School Bag</i>	Large enough to carry your pencil case, personal planner, lunch box and any other items you will need. Remember, you will move around the school to different classrooms.
<i>PE Bag</i>	Large enough to carry your PE kit and keep it safe.
<i>Pencil Case</i>	Containing the following items: a black pen, a green pen, a pencil, a highlighter, an eraser, a pencil sharpener, a ruler and some colouring pencils.

Your teachers will check your equipment regularly. If you have lost an item, you can buy a replacement from the school office.

You will need to bring your personal planner to school every day, and make sure that you put it on the desk with your pencil case in every lesson.

You can hire a school locker to keep your PE kit or other equipment safe - these cost £5.00. We will make arrangements for this later.

You must make sure that all your belongings (including your uniform) are clearly labelled with your full name, so that we can help you find anything that might get lost.



# School Values



*Our school values are the three Rs:  
Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.*

As a member of our school community, you will be expected to show these values at all times. You will notice that every day we refer to them in your lessons, assemblies and the wide range of clubs and visits we run here.

To show *Respect*, we:

- Listen actively and follow instructions first time
- Respect other peoples' right to learn in a safe environment
- Switch off all electronic devices, including mobile phones, whilst on the school site

To show *Resilience*, we:

- Participate effectively in all class tasks, offering ideas and answers
- Persevere and have high expectations of our progress
- Embrace challenges positively

To show *Responsibility*, we:

- Arrive on time
- Start the lesson quickly with our planner on the desk
- Come equipped to learn, including planner, homework and DEAR book

# The School Day



You will have five lessons each day - each one lasts for an hour. You will also spend some time with your tutor group.

Each day will have a different set of lessons, so you will need to keep your personal timetable with you at all times.

<i>Time</i>	<i>Lesson</i>
8.00	Breakfast club opens
8.30	Bell to start line up
8.35	Lesson 1
9.35	Lesson 2
10.35	Break time
10.55	Lesson 3
11.55	Lesson 4
12.55	Lunch time
13.25	Tutor time
13.50	Lesson 5
14:50	End of the school day

You will line up in your class group before lessons 1 and 3, and before tutor time. Your teacher will come and collect the class.

It is very important that you are on time to school in the morning. You must be in the Year 7 playground before the bell at 8:30.

During break and lunchtimes, Year 7 have their own playground area. This is not open to other students. Year 7 can also spend their time playing football on the astroturf pitch, in the library or in the dining room.



# Homework

You will be set homework each week by your class teachers.

We use a system called Show My Homework to keep a record of all the homework that you have been set. You will be able to see your homework on your mobile phone, tablet or laptop.

You will be given your own password and user name when you join us, and this will stay the same throughout your time at Woodlands.

Your parents will also be given a login, so they can see what homework you need to complete!

Homework will look different in each subject for example:

- An online quiz that you can complete on your phone
- A practical project to make or create something
- A worksheet or set of questions based on what you have been learning in class
- An electronic test using subject specific software
- A set of spellings or key vocabulary to learn
- A piece of independent research to complete

Some students find it helpful to attend our Homework Club. This takes place each day after school in one of the computer rooms.

You can use the computers to check or complete homework, and there is always a teacher available to help.



# Rewards



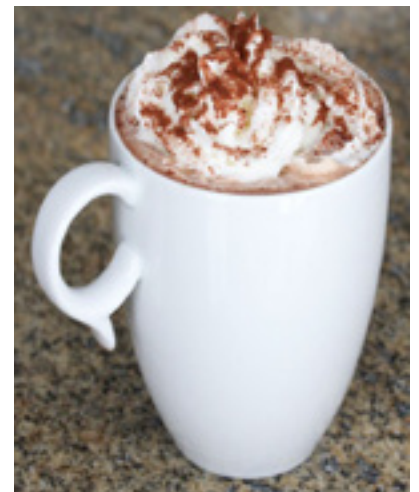
Our Reward System is a really important way to say well done to students who are not only doing what is expected of them but are also going above and beyond.

We record all our rewards so that your parents can see them on their mobile phone each day. This helps us all to be proud of the great work that you are doing at school.

At the end of every lesson a teacher will reward all the students who have demonstrated the school values and completed what is expected of them with a reward called an R1.

However, if you have excelled in the lesson, you will be given a reward called an R2. This reward is only given to those students who have really pushed themselves and exceeded our expectations. If you receive an R2 you should be very proud of your hard work.

You will also be given R1s and R2s for taking part in the range of clubs, visits and trips that take place after school. These are added up weekly and the students who have collected the most R2s are celebrated in Assembly and invited to a hot chocolate celebration with members of the SLT. These are our “R2 Heroes”.



We also keep count of R1s and R2s throughout each half-term, term and over the year. These are used as a way to celebrate your achievements through film shows, trips and other rewards that you can choose.



# Sanctions

Every school has to use sanctions to make sure that rules are followed. Hopefully however you will not need to experience these first hand!

In lessons students are given a series of warnings to remind them about their behaviour for learning.

1. The first time that you do not follow our classroom expectations, and show the 3Rs, your teacher will firstly give you a warning - this is called a C1.
2. If your behaviour does not change, your teacher will warn you again - this second warning is called a C2.
3. On the rare occasion that a student does not change their behaviour after a C2 warning, they will be removed from the classroom, and will have to work in a different room - this serious situation is called a C3.

The student will be expected to go back and meet their teacher later in the day, to put the situation right. If they don't do this, or their effort to fix the problem is not good enough, they will be issued with a 40 minute detention after school the next day.

If you get a C2 or C3 you will not be awarded an R1 and you will reduce your chance of participating in one of our reward activities.

You will also receive a detention for being late to school, and sanctions for poor behaviour outside lesson time

Sanctions are important to make sure we have an orderly community and that people follow the rules. However, we hope you will not have many of these and you will quickly learn to be a responsible and respectful member of the Woodlands community.

# Lunchtime



Hot and cold snacks are available at break and lunchtimes in the dining room. These include toast, sandwiches, hot paninis and croissants.

Every day, the lunch service provides a choice of hot meals, including vegetarian and meat options, as well as pasta served with a variety of toppings, sandwiches, cakes and drinks.

There are several meal deals available which cost £2.20 but you can also buy individual items.

Unlike at primary school, you are free to choose the items that you would prefer, and there you don't have to select a full meal.

From September, our dining room will be cashless.

This means that instead of paying with coins or notes, your lunch money will be put onto your account electronically, and you will use your finger on the scanner, or a pin number to pay for your meals.

This means you don't have to worry about counting out the correct cash, or losing your lunch money at school.

Your parents can choose to upload money to your account daily, weekly, or even monthly or termly. If you are entitled to a free school meal, your account will automatically be credited with your daily spend allowance of £2.20.

All our food is freshly prepared and cooked on-site by our catering team from Autograph. You can see the menus for our school this term at:



<https://www.autographfood.co.uk/place/environments/education/our-menus/>