

Year 7 Induction Evening June 2023



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Welcome to King Edward VI Northfield School for Girls



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WORK HARD
Be Kind

Our school ethos - if you work hard and are kind to your peers and staff in school you will be successful at school and reach your full potential.

We have three aims for all the children who are part of our school: that they are **happy**, that they feel **safe** and that they are able to **fulfil their academic potential**.

The school day



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|---------------|-----------------------|
| 8.45 – 9.15 | Registration/Assembly |
| 9.15 – 10.15 | Period 1 |
| 10.15 – 10.40 | Break |
| 10.40 – 11.40 | Period 2 |
| 11.40 – 12.40 | Period 3 |
| 12.40 – 1.10 | Lunch |
| 1.10 – 2.10 | Period 4 |
| 2.10 – 2.15 | Registration |
| 2.15 – 3.15 | Period 5 |

Pupils must be in registration by **8:45** or will be marked as late.

All pupils have access to a free breakfast bagel every morning during form time. This is to ensure that all pupils have a healthy start to the day and are ready to learn.

Equipment

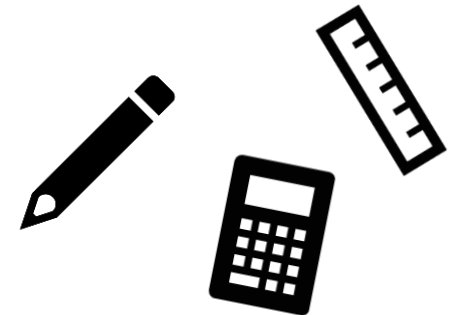


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Each day pupils will need:

- School bag – large enough to carry books
- A pen and a spare pen
- A pencil, ruler, eraser, sharpener etc.
- Maths equipment – calculator, protractor, ruler etc.
- Highlighters (useful for picking out key ideas / words in lessons) and coloured pens
- Planner
- Reading book
- PE kit (when necessary)



Lockers are available to all pupils.

The curriculum



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| Subject | Periods Per Fortnight |
|--|-----------------------|
| English and Drama | 8 |
| Mathematics | 8 |
| Sciences | 7 |
| French | 4 |
| Technology rotation: Computer Science, Food Science, Graphics, Textiles | 4 |
| Geography | 3 |
| History | 3 |
| Physical Education | 4 |
| Art | 3 |
| Music | 2 |
| Personal, Social and Health Education | 2 |

School canteen



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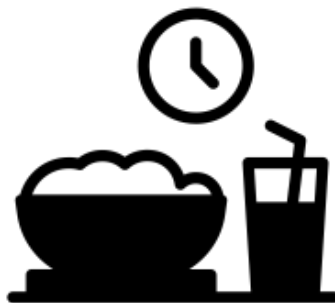
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We have a school canteen where pupils can choose what they would like to eat from a range of choices.

Pupils can sit and eat their food in the canteen or take it away to eat in outside in when it is warm. Pupils should not be in classrooms or the corridors.

Food is paid for by a fingerprint system, accounts are topped up from home by Parentmail.

Students who have free school meals will have credit put on their account automatically every day.



Behaviour expectations



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- Come to school with a **positive** attitude, if you have a problem ask for help.
- Ensure you are on time and in correct uniform.
- **Be kind** to peers and respect people's differences
- Be **respectful** and polite to staff at all times.
- Listen carefully to instructions, don't talk whilst the teacher is talking.
- Try your hardest at all times. Stay on task in lessons and ask if you are unsure.
- No mobile phones
- Move sensibly and quietly around school being aware of others around you.
- Use polite language at all times.

If you choose not to make the right choices about your behaviour in lessons you can expect:

- 2 warnings
- Detention
- Sent to **Time Out** so the rest of the class can continue their learning

Attendance and punctuality



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Good attendance is one of the most important building blocks for a successful school career. It is difficult to progress academically if you do not have continuity of development.

At King Edward VI Northfield School for Girls we place a great emphasis on regular attendance and pupils are rewarded with certificates and prizes if they achieve attendance targets.

| Attendance during one school year | equals this number of days absent | which is approximately this many weeks absent |
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| 95% | 9 days | 2 weeks |
| 90% | 19 days | 4 weeks |
| 85% | 29 days | 6 weeks |
| 80% | 38 days | 8 weeks |

| Time | Which is equal to ... | Which is equal to ... |
|------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 10 minutes | 50 minutes per week | Nearly 1.5 weeks per year |
| 20 minutes | 1 hour 40 mins per week | Over 2.5 weeks per year |

How can you support with attendance and punctuality?



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- Schedule appointments out of school hours.
- Ensuring that your child wakes up in plenty of time to be ready and prepared for school.
- Inform us as soon as possible if your daughter is seriously unwell and unable to attend that day.
- Help to ensure that their bag and equipment is organised the night before so that this does not delay departure in the morning.
- Discussing any issues of lateness to ensure this does not become a habit.
- Monitoring your child's attendance and look for patterns of lateness.
- Contact us if you are aware of any reason why your daughter may not want to attend school.

Uniform



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- Black blazer with school badge
- White shirt and school tie
- Black knee length skirt or school trousers
- Sensible flat black shoes
- Plain white or black socks or plain black or natural tights
- Black plain headscarf/hijab permitted only for religious reasons. Headbands should be plain and black, bandanas are not permitted in school.
- Jewellery should not be worn in school apart from a watch and one stud earring in each ear. Strictly no other piercings are allowed.
- Noticeable make up is not permitted in school.



PE kit



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- Black polo top with school badge and pupil's initials.
- Black leggings, joggers or shorts with pupil's initials
- **These are compulsory items - PE kit must be worn to every PE lesson**
- **Optional:** Black hoodie with school badge and pupil's initials – other hoodies are not allowed.





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Homework

If a student completes an hour's homework per school night for five years, it is the equivalent of an extra school year.



Why is homework important?

- It can provide students with the opportunity to:
 - practise further what has been learnt in class.
 - apply what they have learnt in new contexts or situations.
 - prepare them for future learning.
 - integrate skills with knowledge and concepts.
- It can allow students to develop the practice of independent learning.
- It gives the most enthusiastic students the opportunity to apply their passion and gain a deeper insight into the subject.
- It can allow students to use materials and other sources of information that are not always available in the classroom.
- It can involve parents and others in students' work for their mutual benefit.
- It can form an important part of the student's notes.
- It gives students valuable experience of working to deadlines.



Homework Priorities

1. A staged approach to support the building of routines and habits.
2. Revision of core knowledge to be a priority.
3. The development of a variety of revision strategies from Year 7 to Year 11, rather than being a focus only at KS4.
4. Transition support:
 - Year 6 to 7
 - Year 8 to 9



| Year | Homework Focus |
|-------------|--|
| 7 | Quizzing – keywords, definitions, key knowledge |
| 8 | Quizzing – keywords, definitions, key knowledge + splurge of ideas |
| 9 | Quizzing -- keywords, definitions, key knowledge + splurge of ideas + <u>mindmaps</u> (in addition to dual coding) |
| 10 | Quizzing - – keywords, definitions, key knowledge + splurge of ideas + <u>mindmaps</u> + flash cards |
| 11 | Quizzing - – keywords, definitions, key <u>knowledge</u> + <u>splurge</u> of ideas + <u>mindmaps</u> + flash cards + Cornell notes |



Mission for this year

1. To reduce the number of students not completing homework.
2. To ensure that all students know why homework is important so that they see the benefit to them.
3. To ensure that the teaching of retrieval practice is taught using form time and lessons so that students know how to quiz and are successful.
4. To instill good routines and habits.
5. To explicitly link homework and revision.

A Staged Approach- Year 7

Year 7 – 10-15 minutes of homework for each subject from Spring 1 onwards

Autumn 1 (no detentions sat for non-completion but sanctions are recorded on Arbor)

- Daily reading, including quizzing via Accelerated Reader (monitored via a reading log by class teacher throughout the Autumn term)
- Weekly Mathswatch homework

Autumn 2 (no detentions sat for non-completion but sanctions are recorded on Arbor)

- Daily reading, including quizzing via Accelerated Reader
- Weekly Mathswatch homework
- Quizzing on keywords, definitions, key knowledge in French and Science only
 - Students to be tested on their quizzing homework through the Do Now quiz and knowledge quizzes.

Spring 1 onwards (detentions sat for non completion of Maths, French and Science - other subjects to record on Arbor)

- Daily reading, including quizzing via Accelerated Reader
- Weekly Mathswatch homework
- Quizzing on keywords, definitions, key knowledge in all subjects
 - Students to be tested on their quizzing homework through the Do Now quiz and knowledge quizzes.

Detentions sat from Spring 2 onwards for non completion of homework for all subjects

Homework support



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All year groups can join a supervised homework club in school:

Where?

Monday, Wednesday & Friday – Library
Tuesday & Thursday – Room 10

When?

Everyday after school!

Monday to Thursday 3-5pm

Friday 3-4.30pm



ePraise – homework and rewards



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- All pupils have access to **ePraise** to view homework that is set by teachers. This helps them to organise themselves.
- Parents also have access to this website.
- ePraise is also used to award merit points for students and overtime they can redeem these points for prizes.



Extra curricular activities



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There are a variety of clubs and activities available to students every day of the week.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SUMMER TERM 2023

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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| ALL YEARS FOOTBALL CLUB SPORTS HALL 3.15-4.15 | YEAR 7 SCIENCE CLUB RM6 3.15-3.50 | YEARS 7,8 & 9 COOKERY CLUB EC - RM3 - 3.15 - 4.30 | ALL YEARS DRAMA MAIN HALL - 3.15 - 4.30 | ALL YEAR GROUPS RUNNING CLUB NV - 3.15-4.00 | ALL YEARS FUN FOR ALL CLUB SPORTS HALL 9.30-11.30 |
| ALL YEAR GROUPS CHRYSALIS CLUB SM - RM2 - 3.15-4.00 | YEAR 9,10 & 11 ENSEMBLE (PRACTICE YOUR INSTRUMENT) RM14 - 3.15-4.15 | YEARS 7, 8 & 9 ENSEMBLE (PRACTICE YOUR INSTRUMENT) RM14 - 3.15-4.15 | ALL YEARS SCHOOL CHOIR RM14 - 3.15-4.15 | | ALL YEARS DRAMA HALL 9.30-11.30 |
| | ALL YEARS INDOOR ATHLETICS ST/FW - 3.15-4.30 | ALL YEAR GROUPS DEBATING CLUB AP - RM25 - 3.15-3.50 | ALL YEARS BASKETBALL CLUB NV-SPORTS HALL - 3.15-4.00 | | |
| | YEARS 7,8 & 9 DRAMA MAIN HALL - 3.15 - 4.30 | ALL YEAR GROUPS ROUNDERS CLUB FIELD - 3.15-4.00 | ALL YEARS AR READING CLUB CD - LIBRARY - 3.15-4.15 | | |
| | ALL YEARS 'KINDLE CLASSICS' CLUB CD - LIBRARY - 3.15-4.15 | ALL YEAR GROUPS RECREATIONAL TENNIS CLUB FW-MUGA - 3.15-4.00 | ALL YEARS MATHS CLUB TP RM18 - 3.15-4.00 | | |
| | ALL YEARS 'FUTURE CREATIVES' ART & PHOTOGRAPHY SXB - RM33 3.15-4.15 | ALL YEAR GROUPS YOGA CLUB SK - STUDIO - 3.15-4.00 | ALL YEARS CODING & MINECRAFT CLUB SS - RM12 3.15-4.00 | | |
| | ALL YEARS CHESS CLUB SXB - RM33 - 3.15 - 4.15 | ALL YEARS NSG NEWSPAPER CLUB LXB - RM10 - 3.15-4.15 | YEARS 7&8 GLOBETROTTERS CLUB KH - RM24 3.15-3.45 | | |
| | | ALL YEAR GROUPS LANGUAGES & CULTURE HM - RM1 - 3.15-4.15 | ALL YEAR GROUPS CAREERS CLUB KXH - 3.15-4.00 | | |
| | | | YEARS 7 DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB GP - RM19 3.15-4.15 | | |
| ALL YEAR GROUPS HOMEWORK CLUB LIBRARY 3.15-5.00 | ALL YEAR GROUPS HOMEWORK CLUB RM10 3.15-5.00 | ALL YEAR GROUPS HOMEWORK CLUB LIBRARY 3.15-5.00 | ALL YEAR GROUPS HOMEWORK CLUB RM10 3.15-5.00 | ALL YEAR GROUPS HOMEWORK CLUB LIBRARY 3.15-5.00 | |

*LANGUAGE LUNCH CLUB runs on a Wednesday for Years 7&8 in RM24 - 12.40-1.10

School trips



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Our trips policy ensures that all pupils have the opportunity to go on trips. **All pupils in each year group will have 2 trip days during the academic year.** This ensures that no pupil misses out on enrichment opportunities.

Over the 5 years they spend with us pupils will experience a range of trips to broaden their cultural experience and underpin their learning in school. These trips will be fully funded by King Edward VI Northfield School for Girls to ensure all pupils are given the same opportunities.

In addition to these core educational visits, our young people can enjoy a range of additional trips and opportunities from residential visits to college and university taster days.



Medicines

If medication is needed during the school day, it can be brought into Reception. However we can only accept and administer medicines that have been prescribed.

The medicines should always be provided in their original container which details the name of the child and the dosage requirements.

The parent/carer is responsible for delivering the medication to school where a 'Medicines 1' form will need to be completed.

Inhalers and Epipens should be carried on the student and a spare kept in the office.



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Water bottles

- Please ensure you bring a water bottle into school with you.
- Pupils are allowed to drink water throughout lessons and in exams. Water fountains have been installed throughout the school.
- Fizzy and caffeine filled drinks dehydrate the brain. Energy drinks are not allowed in school.



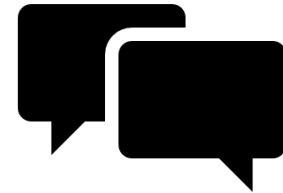
How can you support your daughter?



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- Engage in your daughter's learning – check ePraise regularly
- Support homework to be done, where possible, on the night set
- Provide a quiet place to study with no gadgets while doing homework
- Encourage breakfast and healthy snacks as this supports concentration and behaviour
- Support your daughter to get enough sleep
- Encourage your daughter to attend extra curricular clubs in and outside of school – fun and relaxation is also important!
- Get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.



Ask questions:

- What did you learn today?
- Have you got homework?
- What are your targets?
- How can you improve?

What happens next?



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Y7 induction day – Wednesday 12th July

- Arrive in your primary school uniform
- Bring a packed lunch or anyone who has a free school meal be given food from the school canteen.
- Meet your form tutor and take part in some fun activities in taster lessons!

Y7 transition – Wednesday 6th September

You will not be going straight into normal lessons- we tailor our transition programme to give you lots of opportunities to make new friends, meet all the teachers and find your way around school.

Chrysalis Club runs throughout Year 7 with Ms Murphy to support pupils who may find the transition more difficult.



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