

Year 6 “Stepping Up” Days - Class of 2031

THIS IS WHERE IT STARTS



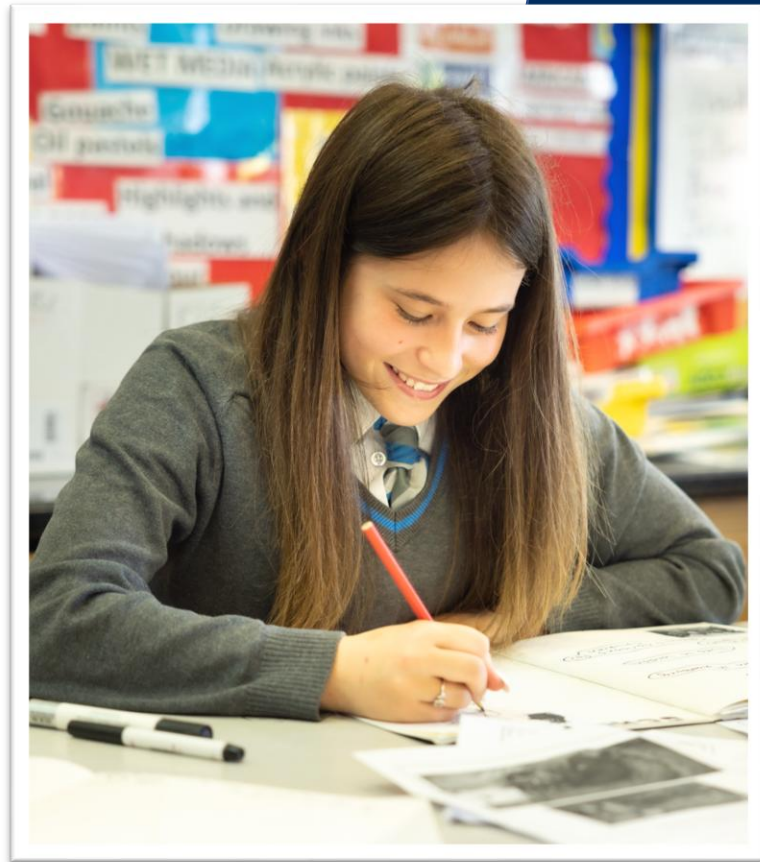
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We're most proud of....

- **Rapid period of improvement and very bright future**
- **Above NA for progress in external exam results**
- **Strong culture of safeguarding and pastoral care**
- **Committed and experienced staff team**
- **Clear expectations and consequences leading to purposeful and respectful culture**
- **Investment in our facilities and range of opportunities**



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A typical day

- Starts at 0845
- Muster
- Tutor Bulletin, Beyond Words, Personal Development, hand phones in
- 5 x 1hr lessons – varied and broad curriculum
- Getting fed!
- Homework – small and often
- Leave at 1515
- House Events/After school club
- Educational trips/visits



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Working together to support your child



- Make time to be part of homework
- Mobile phones**
- Behaviour: We want the same thing
- 100% Attendance
- When it goes wrong?
- Uniform – *including house ties!!*
- Download Classcharts – it is really powerful



Mobile phones

- Since June 2026 there is a statutory duty on all secondary schools to prohibit the use of Smartphones during the school day.
- TDA has been mobile phone free for the past 5 years – out of site.
- Recent research evidences the negative impact that SmartPhones and their associated apps are having on young people and their mental health and wellbeing
- Since Sept 2025
 - We appreciate that many parents/carers want their child to have a phone on them during the journey to and from school
 - Year 7 & 8 students will be asked to hand their phones in* during tutor time and they can collect at the end of the day
 - Phones will be stored securely throughout the day
 - Your support in this is much appreciated
 - Rolling this out across the school from Sept 2026



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Key People

- Mr A Stradling (HoY 7)
- Mr T Fessey (Transition Lead)
- Mrs Mehrotra- Hughes (DHT)
- Miss S Virgin – 7SV
- Mr J Lince – 7JL
- Miss A Holt – 7AH
- Mr M Grimwade – 7MG*
- Miss R Rose – 7RR*
- Mr R Thomas – 7RT
- Mrs T Bennett – 7TB*



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SEND provision

- Comprehensive enhanced transition for some students
- Handover between primary school SEND teams and us
- If you have any concerns/questions that have not been answered as part of this process please contact khaywood@thedeacademy.org



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Dates for your diary & communication



- Your child's first day
 - 8.45am Wednesday 2nd September 2026 (Only y7 and 11 in school) – others return Thursday
- Y7 Parent Information Evening
 - Wednesday 2nd September 2026
- Tutor "keeping in touch" Evening
 - Tuesday 29th September 2026
- Y7 progress evening
 - Thursday 28th January 2027
- Communication is *different* at secondary school
 - ClassCharts
 - Text messages/Emails
 - Two reports yearly (Jan & June)
 - Weekly Bulletin



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