



Harrow Way Community School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 First Day of Term arrangements – Monday 4th September 2023

As mentioned at our Information Evening, our Year 7 students begin their time at Harrow Way on Monday 4th September. Only Year 7 students are expected to be in school on this date. To help you and your child prepare for this day, please read the following information carefully.

The purpose of the day is to help our new students become familiar with our site and build strong relationships with both staff and other students that will endure for the next five years. We have invited “**Wise Up**”, an outdoor activities provider to support this. There will be a range of team-building activities for students to enjoy. The activities will support social and personal development as well as offer students the chance to develop leadership and problem solving skills.

School Day

This will be a normal school day. Students should begin to arrive from 8.30 and go straight to Main Reception. We will gather the students in the Auditorium initially. The school day begins at 8.45am promptly and we encourage everyone to be on time. At the end of the day, students will be dismissed at 3pm. School buses will be running as normal.

Clothing

Please **do not** wear school uniform on the first day. It is important that students arrive in comfortable clothing and footwear. We recommend sportswear such as shorts and t-shirts if the weather is fine. Given the English weather, please bring a hoodie or sweatshirt if the weather is slightly cool. It could also be advisable to bring a raincoat. Please wear shoes that are suitable for running, such as trainers. Flip flops are **not** allowed. We would point out that, as this is an activity day, please do not wear jewellery or short crop tops.



Equipment

To help students prepare for their first week at secondary school, we will issue them with a timetable and diary during tutor time on the first day. It is important therefore that everyone brings their school bag and a pen. Bags will be stored carefully during activities.

Food and Drink

It is essential that students bring their own water bottle with them, especially if it is a warm day. We have cold-water fountains on our site if students are thirsty. There will be short breaks throughout the day. You may wish to send some snacks with your child. Our school canteen will be open to students to buy lunch, but please remember we are a cashless school. Parents must have added money to their [scopay](#) account in advance. Of course, your child may prefer to bring their own food.

If you are unsure about any of the information in this letter, please do contact the school. We are looking forward to seeing our new students in September and hope that this day will ensure a successful start to their time with us.

Yours faithfully



Mrs D L German
Deputy Headteacher