



THE DEANERY

Church of England High School and Sixth Form College

Moving Up Booklet 2021

Information for Year 7 Children



Our Mantra:

Work Hard, Be Kind, Make a Difference

Name: _____



Welcome to The Deanery Church of England High School!

Starting at Secondary school is a really exciting time, as you take the next step in your school career. The next five years will be full of brilliant opportunities to learn, grow and develop into young adults - and realise all that potential that you have!

As you get ready to move to The Deanery in September, most of you will have lots of questions about what it will be like. There will also be some of you who will be feeling a little bit nervous or anxious - about moving from a school you know well, to one you don't yet know that much about. That is completely normal!

This booklet will hopefully answer many of those questions that you have, and help your move from your primary school to The Deanery go smoothly.

The information has been put together by teachers and pupils from our school, so take your time to have a good look through.

If, when you have looked through it, there are still questions that you have got - don't worry! There will be lots of opportunities for you to speak to people about other questions you may have when you come into school.

Your new form teacher will be someone that you see every day and will get to know very well. They will always be around to answer any questions you may have or help you with anything you may be struggling with. You will spend a lot of time with them on the first couple of days, when you will have the opportunity to ask further questions to help put your mind at rest.



Finally, we know that every single one of you is different, unique and with your own skills and talents - which are going to add to our school.

As you start this new chapter in your school life at The Deanery, make sure that you take the opportunity to make a fantastic first impression - it's easier than you might think.



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Who do I need to know?



Mr Wood
Headteacher



Ms Parker
Deputy Head



Mrs Friend
Deputy Head



Mrs Turner
Deputy Head



Mrs O'Brien
Assistant Head



Mr Tobin
Assistant Head



Mrs Brown
Business Manager



Mrs Quirk
Y7 Senior
Progress
Leader



Mrs Sullivan
Head of Year
7



Miss Baron
Y7 Behaviour
and Learning
Mentor



Miss Hart
SENCO

Year 7 Form Teachers

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7A Blue



Hi my name is **Mrs McCormick** and I teach Technology and Art. I am here to look after you and help you settle into year 7. I am very creative and I love to draw and paint. I am excited to make lots of things with you in our practical lessons, and teach you how to use the equipment we have in the Technology department. I have two children, Toby who is 9 and Poppy is 5. We enjoy being outdoors and walking our dog. My other hobbies include horse riding and upcycling furniture for my house. I look forward to meeting you and being your form tutor.

7A Green



Hello, I am **Mr Lowe** and I am an English teacher at The Deanery. I began my Deanery journey all the way back in the year 2000 when I started here as a Y7 student! I returned to the school three years ago as a teacher and really enjoy working here. My hobbies include reading, football, listening to music, and eating pies. At weekends, I like to split my time between walking my dog, Lola, and watching my favourite football team, Wigan Athletic. I look forward to meeting you all!

7A Purple



Hello, I am **Miss Derbyshire** and I teach Science at the Deanery. You can find me in room 304 on the third floor or in the Science workroom. I have taught at the Deanery for two years and absolutely love it here and I'm sure you will too! When I am not teaching, I enjoy going for long walks with my dog (Daisy). I also enjoy running but cannot go with my dog as she is too fast for me! I look forward to welcoming you to the Deanery!



7A Red



Hello, my name is **Mr Townshend** and I am PE teacher at the Deanery High School. I have taught at this amazing school for 16 years. I love sport and play football, cricket and rugby. I am a huge fan of Manchester United and I also support Wigan Warriors and Lancashire CCC. I also like to travel and go skiing. I am really looking forward to meeting you all soon.

7A Yellow



Hello, my name is **Mr Walker** and I teach Music at The Deanery. I have been teaching here for 6 years and really enjoy it here – I know you will too! My role is to look after you and help you settle into high school. I am sure lots of you are feeling excited and apprehensive in equal measures, but rest assured we will get through it together. We have lots on offer at The Deanery from sports teams to science club and from the school musical to art club. There will be something for everyone. I am fairly competitive and love my form to get involved with as much as they can. I am usually found in the music department with my coffee cup in my hand! Outside of school I love Formula 1 and Rugby League – I do support Warrington, but don't hold it against me, somebody has to! I also love going to the Cinema, getting out and walking the dogs and listening to and playing lots of music. I am looking forward to meeting you!



7B Blue



Hi, my name is **Miss King**. You will probably find me on the second-floor teaching Maths. When I'm not talking fractions and algebra I spend my time playing netball and watching Wigan Warriors (so I hope none of you are saints' fans). We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to our Deanery family.

7B Green



Hello, Year 7! My name is **Mrs Richardson** and I teach English at the Deanery High School. I first started working at the Deanery in 2013, but for the past couple of years, I have been living and working in China! I am so excited to be back, to meet you all in September and tell you all about my adventures in the Far East! In my spare time, I enjoy travelling, shopping, hiking and reading all kinds of different books. I am really looking forward to learning more about all of you and beginning your Deanery journey with you.

7B Purple



Hello, I am **Miss Northey**, I am a teacher of Science at the Deanery. I have been teaching at the Deanery for two years and I hope you will love it here as much as I do! I have a 5-year-old rescue dog called Bailey who I love taking on long walks at the weekend. I also enjoy reading and baking in my spare time. I look forward to meeting you all and welcoming you to the Deanery in September!



7B Red



Hello. My name is **Mr Giles**. I am relatively new to The Deanery, having only joined last year. In that time, I have come to understand what a special school we have here at The Deanery. I look forward to welcoming you next year and making you feel as much part of this community as I feel. I work in the English and Drama department and have a real passion for the subjects that I teach. Outside of school I enjoy a number of hobbies and interests. I like cycling and visiting the gym. The latter more to look healthy around other people, rather than to actually do any exercise. I am a keen follower of three quite obscure teams: Prescot Cables in football, Manchester Storm in the Ice Hockey and Belle Vue Speedway. Over the years I've encouraged my form members to take an interest in my teams, so be prepared! Can't wait to meet you all in September. I know you will be happy and I really do look forward to making your time at The Deanery as memorable as mine has been.

7B Yellow



Hi Year 7, I am **Miss McGuire**. I love all things colourful and creative. You will find me on the 3rd floor in one of our amazing Art rooms, usually surrounded by artwork and covered in paint. I teach Art and Technology and I am sure you will be amazed by the students work on my walls. In my spare time I enjoy traveling, shopping and cooking. An interesting fact about me is that I am a Morris dancer! I can't wait to meet you all.



Form Time and Daily Worship

You will meet your form teacher every morning for registration and form time. Your form teacher will help to make sure you start the day in the right frame of mind to do your best.

This will include checking that you have the right equipment for the day and taking part in form worship. Other activities you will do will include reflecting on things that are happening in the world, silent reading and receiving notices relevant to you. You will be expected to contribute to these activities by sharing your ideas, experiences and joining in with your form's collective worship.

One day each week, during form time, there will be an assembly in Hutchinson Hall for all pupils in Year 7. This will be an opportunity for us to meet together to worship as a group, and share news about successes that you have achieved!





The School Day

The school building opens at 8.00am and you are expected to be through the school gates by 8.35am. The school day starts at 8.45am.

8.35am	Arrive at school by this time
8.45am	Assembly/ Form Time
9.10am	Lesson 1
10.10am	Breaktime
10.25am	Lesson 2
11.25am	Lesson 3
12.25 am	Lunchtime
1.00pm	Lesson 4
2.00pm	Lesson 5
3.00pm	End of the school day

Break and Lunchtime

You will be able to buy food from the Dining Hall at break and lunchtime if you want to.

At break time there will be a selection of breakfast type snacks, such as toast and bacon.

At lunchtime you can buy a variety of hot and cold food, fruit and biscuits. There are also areas for you to eat a packed lunch if you choose to bring your own food. Packed Lunches should be healthy and nutritious - items such as sweets or fizzy drinks are not allowed.

There will also be co-curricular clubs running at lunchtimes for you to get involved in, and the All-weather and MUGA pitches are also open at this time – just make sure you bring a pair of trainers if you are wanting to play on one of the pitches



Lessons

You will study a number of subjects in Year 7, some may be subjects you have not done before.

Maths	English	Science	Religious Studies
History	Geography	Foreign Language	Performing Arts
Art	Music	PE/Games	Computer Studies
Technology - Electronics, Graphics, Materials and Food			

You will be given a **timetable** which will inform you which subject you have each lesson and will also tell you the teacher and classroom.



Homework

You will be given homework from most subjects regularly. It is really important that you complete your homework, as it supports what you have been taught in class and helps you to develop the skills to learn on your own.

You will be given a **planner** to record your homework, and parents and pupils are also able to see homework set and due dates on **School Synergy** (you will receive guidance about how to access this from home). There are facilities in school for you to complete homework both before and after school hours with computer and printing facilities available.

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Co-Curricular

There are lots of opportunities for you to take part in activities **outside of your normal timetabled lessons** too. This is a great way for you to show off a talent you have, to learn a new one, or to try new clubs and activities that you might not have had the chance to try before.

This is also a brilliant way to make new friends with similar interests and show what you personally can add to our wonderful school.

So whatever your interests may be there will be something for you to get involved with. To help make sure you know exactly what is happening, you will be given a co-curricular timetable when you start in September - **so don't just think about it, get involved!**



Expectations

At The Deanery we proudly set high expectations for all our pupils! We expect that you will attend school every day, turn up to school and lessons on time, show good behaviour in lessons and around school and try your best!

Attendance and punctuality – will be monitored regularly. A register is taken every morning in form time and at the start of each lesson. Your attendance to school should be 100%!

Behaviour – all staff will record both good and poor behaviour. If you receive an achievement, when you have done something well, or a sanction, when your behaviour has not met our expectations, a message will be sent home to inform parents/carers.

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Inter-Form Competition

Every week there will be a competition between all Year 7 forms. You can earn points for your form for attendance, punctuality and good behaviour. The form with the most points will receive a trophy for the week and the points will be added up throughout the year for a bigger form reward.

There will also be challenges and competitions where you can earn extra points for your form!

At the end of the school year the winning form will be rewarded with a party, so make sure you are playing your part for your form!

Rewards

At the end of each term there will be a rewards assembly. We reward those pupils who have been working hard in lessons and try their best with certificates and vouchers.

There will also be fantastic trips which you will be invited to attend if you have met our expectations.

Form Representative

School council – every form needs to be represented on the school council and early next term your form will need to choose which pupils (usually 2) will be chosen to do this. School council representatives will attend meetings with Senior Members of staff to discuss and present ideas for our school, and be a voice for all pupils in your form.

Worship Ambassadors – every form also needs pupils to act as worship ambassadors. If you are chosen to act in this role you will be responsible for helping your form teacher to lead your forms daily worship.

Both these positions are really important and contribute hugely to the way in which our school family operates. **It is a real honour and privilege to represent your form!**

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Uniform

You **must** wear full school uniform every day, including on the way to and from school. If you are not in full uniform, you will not be able to attend lessons or spend break or lunchtimes with your friends. You will be offered school-issued uniform to wear, including shoes.

Full PE kit must be brought into school on the day you have the lesson.

Remember – you are representing the school at all times when you are wearing your uniform. Wear it with pride!

Equipment

Every day you must bring a bag with the equipment you require for the day. You will need a pencil case with pens, pencils, ruler, eraser, highlighter and calculator. We will provide your planner and books.

You will also need to bring a book with you for form time, as on some mornings your activity will be D.E.A.R - Drop everything and read! Reading for enjoyment is something we really encourage, as it also helps to improve your knowledge, spelling and vocabulary!

Remember to check your timetable carefully (the night before) and make sure you bring your PE kit, Technology apron or Maths set on the days when you have those lessons.

Mobile phones

You may bring a mobile phone to use on the way to and from school only. Phones must remain **switched off throughout the day and kept out of sight in a zipped pocket or bag**. Phones that are seen or heard by staff will be confiscated and kept until Friday of that week when they may be collected at 3pm. Parents have the right to collect phones from reception when confiscated.



Getting around school

You will soon learn your way around school and we will be there to help you in the first few weeks. Your timetable will tell you which classroom you need to go to for each lesson.

There is a one way system on the corridors with arrows showing you which way to go and signs for each of the areas. There are four staircases for you to use.

Ground floor: Dining Hall, Chapel, Hutchinson Hall (for assembly), Activity Studio, Drama Studio and Technology rooms

First Floor: History, Geography, Religious Studies, Computer Studies and Sixth Form

Second Floor: Maths, English, Foreign Language and Library

Third Floor: Science and Art

Sports Hall: PE and Music

What if I need help?

There are a number of people in school who can help you. If you have a question or are unsure of what to do, you should speak to your **form teacher** who will be able to give you the answer or point you in the right direction.

If you are unwell or injured there are a number of first aid staff around school. Speak to your **teacher** who let you know where the nearest first aid point is.

We have a **school counsellor** and **school chaplain** who are available if you need someone to speak to someone, or you could see your **Head of Year** who will be in the **Pastoral office or on duty at break and lunchtime.**



We have asked some of our pupils to tell us about some of the thoughts or worries they had before starting at the Deanery and their responses to them now.

Will I be able to find my way around?

You will get lost sometimes in the first few days, but don't worry, so will everybody else. There are lots of people around who you can ask for help and you will quickly learn where everything is.

I don't know many people who are going to the Deanery

There are lots of opportunities to make new friends. In form time and lessons you will sit next to different people, so will have the chance to get to know them and have somebody to spend break or lunchtime with. If you join in with the clubs or activities during or after school you will meet new people too. I now have a couple of groups of friends so always have someone to be with.

There are some subjects that I have never done before

You will discover new interests from some of the subjects you haven't done in depth before. Give every lesson a chance before you decide whether you like it or not. I was surprised by some of the lessons which I didn't think I would like but now really enjoy!

Will there be lots of homework?

There will probably be more homework than you have done before. Make sure you keep organised and don't leave it to the last minute. Try to impress your teachers by putting effort into your homework – it pays off!

Will there be activities to join in after school?

There are lots of different activities and you will definitely find something which interests you. I have enjoyed going to netball and trampolining, being part of the show last year and Science club. I also go to homework club when I need to use a computer or need help with homework. Ask your teachers what you can join in with.