

23 July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Your child is now only six weeks away from their first day as a member of the Knole Academy team. It really isn't that long, when you consider the past four months. I hope they are raring to go and excited by the thought of their first day at secondary school. We are really looking forward to meeting them in person in September. The main aim of the first day will be to introduce them into the Knole way of life, with the purpose of making them feel comfortable in their new school. As part of this, all new year 7's will experience their first live assembly. They will also meet their new tutor and tour the school. We will also be launching the house competitions for 2020-21.

The dining room will be serving hot and cold 'grab' style meal deals for £2.50. Students will not have their SQUID log in or fob until the first day, so the meal deal cost will be deducted from the amount you load on the account, once your child returns home on day one. Students are also welcome to bring their own packed lunches.

All students at Knole Academy are allocated a locker for their belongings to be stored during the school day. Each locker requires a padlock, and these will be available for students to purchase for £3.50 on their first day, if required.

As you may be aware all new year 7's normally come into school during June for testing. We usually use these test results, alongside the KS2 SATs' results and the transition information, to place students in their initial classes. However, due to COVID 19 this testing has not taken place. As an alternative, year 7's will take an online English and Maths assessment on the first and second days of the new term. Please reassure your child that this is nothing to worry about and that it is simply for us to be able to place them in the appropriate set and class initially. Please send your child into school with a set of headphones with a jack that will fit into a desktop or laptop socket. (We will have a limited number of headphones that we are able to lend for the assessments.) It is also worth noting that our setting and streaming policy is fluid, allowing us to move students between sets and classes on a regular basis, based on their academic progress.

On Tuesday 1st September we would like all new year 7 students to arrive promptly for their first assembly at 9:30am. The day will finish at the normal time of 3:30pm. To our knowledge, buses will not be running on the first day, so arrangements will need to be made to drop off and pick up.

Students should be dressed in their new Knole Academy uniform and we will sell house ties on the first day for £5.95. Please remember to send your child into school with a sealed envelope containing £6 cash, with their name and form group clearly marked on the front. As mentioned in a previous letter the additional 5p will be given to charity unless you stipulate that you would like us to return the 5p change. (Ties are compulsory for students that wear a button up shirt.) We expect students to bring a full pencil case with them too. There is no need for students to bring their PE kits in on the first day. In the rare instance that your child's uniform has not arrived, please do not despair, they are unlikely to be the only student in this situation and students should attend school in a white shirt and black trousers/skirt.

It would be really helpful if your son or daughter is able to remember their form tutor's name on the day to allow us to effectively seat them for their first assembly.

What to remember

Your form tutors name and your house

Wear full school uniform (minus the tie which will be purchased on the first day)

Full pencil case

£6 cash in a sealed named envelope for the purchase of a house tie, if applicable

A set of headphones that will fit into a desktop or laptop computer

A padlock or £3.50 to purchase one

What you can expect to return home

A tired but hopefully happy and excited son or daughter!

A SQUID dining room letter with log in details and a fob

A brand new house tie

May I wish you a happy and healthy summer break.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs McGauley

Head of Year 7