

**Outwood
Academy Ripon
Transition
2019**

Everything you need to know



Travel Arrangements

If your child will be catching a bus, please contact passenger transport at North Yorkshire County Council regarding timings and bus routes.

If you will be dropping your child at school by car, please be aware that we have a car drop off zone in the bus park. Staff will be on duty to advise you on your first day.

Transition Email Contact

If you have any further questions or enquiries please email

admissions@ripin.outwood.com

Praising Stars

At the end of every half term you will be updated about your child's progress through a Praising Stars report.

There will also be a Year 7 transition welcome evening week commencing 9th September.

Learning Manager

Each year group is assigned a learning manager, who will be the pastoral support lead and usually the first point of call for parents. The learning manager for year 7 will be Miss Beckwith.

Uniform Fitting

The first set of uniform for students at Outwood Academy Ripon is provided free of charge. Truetex the uniform company will be visiting Moorside, OPAGreyStone, Holy Trinity CofE and Ripon Cathedral CofE primary schools on Friday 5th July to take measurements. All other primary schools will be visited by a member of our staff on the 8th or 9th July. You will be able to pick up the uniform from our reception on Monday 2nd or Tuesday 3rd September.



Expectations and Consequences

We have high expectations of all students at our academy. These expectations include being safe, respectful and responsible.

Consequences can be given for any breaches of the behaviour policy which can be found on our website.

When?

**Wednesday 4th
September 2019**

What time?

**School starts at
8.45am and finishes
at 2.50pm**

Who will be there?

**On the 4th September
only year 7 and 11 we
be at school. All year
groups we be
welcomed back on 5th
September.**

Where to go?

**Students will register
in the main hall where
they will be greeted
by the principal.**



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Enrichment

During the second week of term students will be given an enrichment timetable. This will have information about all after school clubs and extracurricular activities. This will be updated on a half termly basis.

Buying Lunch

We have a biometric cashless system for purchasing school dinners. Students pay using a finger five point scan. This will be set up on the first day. If you would like to buy a hot dinner or cold dinner please bring some money with you to put on the system. Once set up, you will be able to pay and top up your account via an online system.

Staff will be available to support students in doing this.

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The School Day

Period 1	8.45-9.45
Period 2	9.45-10.45
VMG/Break	10.45-11.20
Period 3	11.20-12.20
Period 4/Lunch	
Lunch 1	12.20-12.50
Lunch 2	12.50-13.20
Lunch 3	13.20-13.50
Period 5	13.50-14.50
Optional Enrichment	14.50-15.50

Frequently Asked Questions

1) What if I miss the uniform fitting?

We will have a catch up uniform fitting day on Monday 22nd July. The time will be confirmed.

2) What is included in the free uniform bundle?

Main uniform: blazer, tie, trousers or skirt, two white shirts. PE kit: polo shirt, rugby shirt, shorts, socks. Please visit the uniform section on our website for details on how to purchase “spares” or additional items and for a full explanation of uniform expectations, especially shoes.

3) What if I get lost?

There will be lots of staff and students on corridors showing students where to go. The learning manager office is located next to the main hall so students can also go there for additional support.

4) How will I know what lesson I have got and where the lesson is?

Students will be given a timetable with room numbers. A map of the school will be provided alongside timetables and staff and students will help or guide where needed.

5) What is VMG?

VMG stands for Vertical Mentoring Group. This is time given for students to interact with peers across age groups (from years 7 to 11) and to be given any notices and updates (for example, themes of assemblies, changes to enrichment etc). The VMG tutor is another point of contact for students to raise any concerns or ask any questions.

6) Where should I go on the first day?

Walk into school through the bus park gate or student gate where there will be learning managers and members of the senior leadership team on duty. They will direct you to the main hall where you will be welcomed by the principal, assigned to a VMG and given your timetable.

7) What groups/set will I be in?

We will use data from your year 6 SAT's assessments as well as information shared from your primary schools and our own regular Praising Stars assessments throughout the year to determine your grouping.

8) Do I get a break?

We have staggered lunches, each year group has 30 minutes for lunch. Morning break depends on your VMG. Half the school have break at 10.45am for 15 minutes, whilst the others are in VMG. The other half go on break at 11.05am for 15 minutes.

9) How many lessons are in the day and what lessons will I have?

There are 5 one hour lessons a day, over the week you will have Mathematics, English, Science, Geography, History, IT, French, DT/Art, Life and PE.