



21 July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Information for September

I am writing to you with specific information for your child as they move into Year 7 at Heanor Gate Spencer Academy.

Firstly, I would like to reiterate how well your child adapted to their new surroundings on the transition days. The first impression they have left amongst staff and myself is an extremely positive one and one they must continue to develop in September. Secondly I wish to say how amazing it was to see so many of you in attendance at the 'Meet the Tutor' event. As detailed throughout the evening, working together as a team (school - parents - students) will without doubt ensure success for your child. I hope that you gained the information you required from the event, but please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor, Mrs Coleman or myself if you have any further queries.

The Year 7 School Day

The school year will start for Year 7 earlier than the rest of the school on Friday 2 September. Students should arrive on the first day from 8.30 and no later than 8.40. By starting slightly earlier it will enable students to get into routines and receive all of the information they need for the following week. Students will also have their photos taken on this day. As of Monday 5th September students need to be on school site by 8.40 am. The school day will finish at 2.55 pm.

As we begin your child's journey at Heanor Gate it is vital that attendance is high and that students are punctual. School attendance has been proven to have a huge impact on achieving good grades. Every student at this school is expected to maintain an attendance level of at least 97%, in line with the Government's expectations. This is not only to teach them good routines for their futures, but also tutor time forms a vital part of their day and within the bespoke programme, students will be receiving other vital information. Any students arriving after this time will miss key messages for the day, together with valuable study time. Please can I ask for your support in ensuring your child leaves home in plenty of time so that they are not late into school. For students that are late, we will contact home and they will make up any missed time after school; again your support with this is key.

Tutor time programme

Students have access to their own personal tutor (who they met during Transition) who they will see every morning during tutor time. During this time students will have access to further support and opportunities such as bespoke interventions, careers advice and sessions on personal development which helps students develop socially and emotionally to become responsible citizens.

Key standards and expectations

Uniform and equipment

- Students need to be fully equipped for the school day (pen, pencil, ruler, scientific calculator and a reading book)
- Students need to ensure that they are in correct school uniform - guidance can be found on the school website

 Uniform Restrictions September 2022.pptx

I wish to highlight that school skirts must be to the knee and of a non-stretch material, shirts need to be tucked in and no extreme haircuts/unnatural colours

- Students should ensure that they have good attendance (above 97%). Please help us to achieve this by encouraging and insisting that your child attends every day.



Key Dates

Friday 2nd September - the school year starts for Year 7 & 12

Tuesday 27 September - Year 7 Tutor Evening

Friday 21 October - INSET Day

Thursday 17 November - Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 2 March - Year 7 Parents' Evening

Monday 17 July - Trip Week - This will be made available in September.

Please click on the link below to view our end of term letter which contains further information for September.

[☰ Standards and expectations letter - whole school July 2022](#)

May I take this opportunity to wish you a relaxing and safe summer and I look forward to welcoming your child on Friday 2 September.

Yours sincerely

Julien Wright

Year 7 Achievement Leader



