



HIGHFIELDS SCHOOL

Welcome Year 7

Lower School - Welcome to Year 7



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Organisation

- Students will need to bring their own equipment, the minimum of two black or blue pens, pencil, scientific calculator, ruler and glue stick.
- The majority of classwork will be carried out using student laptops, so it is essential laptops are fully charged and brought in every day once they have received them
- Students need to make sure their PE kit is labelled clearly with their name
- ParentPay accounts need to be checked regularly and topped up when necessary. Passwords were emailed home. Please contact digitalsupport@hswv.co.uk if you require another one.

Routines

- Uniform needs to be worn well.
- Attendance is regularly monitored to allow students to achieve their best
- Form Time is at 8:30am so all Form Tutors will meet with their form every morning
- Assemblies will be a mixture of virtual and in person in the Sports Hall
- Students will need earphones with them every day

Laptops: School Expectations

Thank you for supporting the laptop scheme which has seen a significant impact on students' learning and progress.

The expectations are:

- All students to have their laptop with them **everyday, in all lessons and fully charged** (with exception of where prior notice should be given). If forgotten they should inform the Year Team.
- They should get their device open and **log into Office 365** as soon as they are in their Form room.
- All devices are to be **protected** by a laptop case/sleeve supplied or by their own case/sleeve you have purchased.
- They **should not share** their laptop or login details for Office 365 with anyone other than their parent/carer.
- If a student has **damaged** their laptop, they or their parent/carer should contact digitalsupport@hswv.co.uk as soon as possible.

MCAS: Bromcom's parent/carer portal

From September all homework will be published on Bromcom which is accessible via the **MCAS app** along with other school information such as :

- Your child's timetable
- Your child's progress reviews
- Your child's homework
- Any after school clubs your child has signed up to
- Communications from school

And others to be rolled out...

The screenshot shows the Bromcom parent/carer portal for Highfields School. The dashboard is organized into several sections:

- Timetable:** A table showing the school's schedule. The table has columns for Period, Subject, Class, Teacher, and Time. The data is as follows:

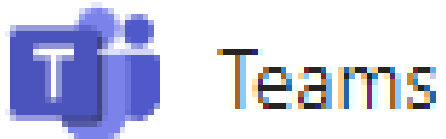
Period	Subject	Class	Teacher	Time
AM	Tutor Group	10J		08:0
1	Physics	101/Ph1	Mr B Mehmi	08:3
2	Physics	101/Ph1	Mr B Mehmi	09:2
T/B	Tutor	10J/Tu	Ms P Thomson	10:1
3	Product Design	10B/Tp1	Mr S France	10:5
4	Product Design	10B/Tp1	Mr S France	11:4
PM	Tutor Group	10J		13:0
5	Mathematics	101/Ma1	Ms H Jhamat	13:0
- Announcements:** A section with a purple header and a megaphone icon. It currently displays "No Announcements data found".
- Progress Reviews:** A section with an orange header and a document icon. It shows a list of progress reviews with columns for "Published" and "Report". Two reviews are listed:
 - 02/03/2022: Progress Review Year 10 (2021 - 2022 Spring 21/22)
 - 01/02/2022: PR Yr 9 test, ADE (2021 - 2022 Spring 21/22)
- Clubs & Trips:** A section with a green header and a bus icon. It currently displays "No Clubs data found".
- Homework:** A section with a red header and a briefcase icon. It displays "Does [child's name] have homework?".

The sidebar menu on the left includes: Dashboard, Data Collection Form, Announcements, Exam Timetables, Homework, Parents Evening, Progress Reviews, Timetable, and Academic Calendar. The top navigation bar shows the school name "Highfields School" and various utility icons. The footer contains copyright information: "© 2022 - Bromcom Computers Plc" and a link to "Terms And Conditions".

Further support on how to set up or use the portal can be found on the school web site >Parents>[Bromcom](#)

Office 365: Teams and OneNote

- As part of the school's ongoing development of digital learning, students and staff will be using Office 365 applications called Teams and OneNote for classwork and homework more frequently.
- If you are unaware of these applications, think of OneDrive as an online exercise book and Teams as a virtual classroom for each of your child's subjects. More support on these can be accessed on the school website.
- **Any homework** that has been set in OneNote or Teams **will still be published by staff on Bromcom Student Portal and MCAS**





Year 7 Digital Life Skills

One of the lessons learnt from remote teaching during lockdown was the lack of students' understanding of how to use digital technology effectively to support their learning and organisation of resources.

As a result of this we developed a bespoke Highfields Digital Life Skills curriculum for Year 7.

Students have 2 lessons each week and throughout the year they are taught a wide range of digital competencies to enable them to confidently use their laptop and O365 applications to support learning.

The digital competencies are taught in context through our Personal Development programme.

Support

- Year 7 Parents' Evening will be in February
- Please keep personal details up to date through the MCAS App or contact us on lowerschoolstaff@hswv.co.uk for us to update
- Homework will be seen through the App as of October. Please check regularly to support your child with meeting their homework deadlines.

How can you help your child?

- Help them to pack bags the night before!
- Make sure they have everything they need e.g. calculator, equipment
- Have conversations about homework, classwork, target grades, exercise books, Progress Reviews
- Help them extend their learning – reading list
- Help them manage their homework

Supporting your child's learning and progress

Curriculum

- Broad and balanced
- Access to specialist rooms and equipment
- Timetabled literacy interventions

Assessment

- Reviewed assessment calendar – transition reports
- Autumn term - increased formative assessment
- Frequent low stakes testing - multiply choice, forms quizzes, in lessons and after lessons to identify and address misconceptions
- Responsive curriculum planning
- Half termly standard assessment to assess progress and inform interventions. You can see how these look on the following pages.

Year 7 Transition Review



HIGHFIELDS

Year 7 Progress Review Autumn 1

Student Name (7A)

Grade Description
3 – Good or Better
2 – Slight Concern
1 – Significant Concern

Attendance
99.80%

Subject
English
Mathematics
Science

Attitude to Learning	Organisation	Homework	Relationship with Others
3	3	3	3
3	3	3	3
3	3	3	3

Citizenship
French
Food Technology
Learning 2 Learn
Physical Education
Product Design
Religious Education
Spanish

3	3	3	3
3	2	3	3
3	2	3	3
3	3	3	3
3	3	3	3
3	3	3	3
3	3	3	3
3	3	3	3

Humanities and Innovations are taught in rotations, hence only half of those subjects will have been studied and so do not feature on the review at this time.

<u>Humanities</u>		<u>Innovations</u>	
Citizenship	Geography	Art	Learning 2 Learn
History	Religious Studies	Food Technology	Music
		ICT	Product Design

How will you know how your child is doing?



Lower School Progress Review

Student Name (Reg)

Attendance
100%

Subject	End of KS3 Target
English	3-
Mathematics	3-
Science	3+

Autumn 1		
Prog	Eff	Hwk
2	C	C
3	A	A
3	C	C

Autumn 2		
Prog	Eff	Hwk
3	B	B
3	A	B
3	B	B

Spring 1		
Prog	Eff	Hwk
3	A	A
4	A	A
3	B	B

Spring 2		
Prog	Eff	Hwk
3	A	A
4	A	A
3	A	A

Art and Design	3-
Citizenship	3-
Drama	3-
Food Technology	3-
Geography	3-
History	3-
I C T	3-
Music	3-
Physical Education	3-
Product Design	3-
Religious Education	3-
Spanish	4-

3	A	A
3	A	A
3	B	B
4	B	B
3	A	A
5	B	B
3	B	B
3	B	B
3	B	N/A
3	A	A
3	A	B
3	B	B

3	A	A
4	A	A
3	B	B
4	A	A
5	A	A
5	A	A
4	A	A
3	A	A
3	B	N/A
3	A	A
3	A	A
3	B	B

Progress:	3 – At the expected level
5 – Above the expected level	2 – At and below the expected level
4 – At and above the expected level	1 – Below the expected level

Effort/Homework:	C – Slight Concern
A – Outstanding	D – Significant Concern
B – Good	



Key Dates 2022/2023

Event	Dates
Transition Report	End October 2023
Progress Review 1	December 2023
Year 7 Parents' Evening	February 2024
Progress Review 2	March 2024
Progress Review 3	July 2024



Thank you for watching the Year 7 Welcome Presentation

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We look forward to meeting you at

Parents' Evening in February 2024

