



KINROSS WOLAROI
SCHOOL

2022

YEAR 7 HANDBOOK





YOUR FIRST WEEK AT KWS

Monday 31st January 2022 - New Student Day

On this day you will meet many of the key staff and students you will be seeing a lot of in your first year at KWS and most importantly your fellow Year 7 peers. There are a lot of people whose prime concern is that you have a smooth and happy transition from primary school into Senior School at KWS, and you will meet many of them on this day, including your Year 7 Coordinator, Head of Wellbeing House and Wellbeing House Mentor. The afternoon mostly revolves around getting to know those staff and students in your Wellbeing House and as well as meeting Peer Support Leaders and House Prefects, includes a tour of the school and getting-to-know-you type activities.

Please wear casual clothes but don't forget a hat!

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd February - Day 1 & 2

These first two days will not be a typical school day. Instead, the two days will be broken into sections where you are introduced to all the really important and interesting things about learning at KWS. Activities will include hearing about how your day-to-day learning will run, all the different subjects you can do in Senior School, to learning the academic and behavioural expectations of every student, as well as setting up your online school access. You will spend time getting to know your Wellbeing mentees, will participate in some team building activities, compete in a scavenger hunt and learn about how to organise yourself and cope with change. The day will be a great way to help ease you into your learning at KWS, packed full of big understandings, information, and opportunities.

On Tuesday you will wear your summer uniform, including your blazer for assembly. On Wednesday you will wear your full sports uniform- don't forget your hat and water bottle on this day.

FRIENDLY FACES AROUND THE SCHOOL



YEAR 7 COORDINATOR
Ms Alexandra Dunkley



PRINCIPAL
Dr Andrew Parry



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
Mr James Boyd



DIRECTOR OF STUDIES
Mrs Lucy Collett



HEAD OF STUDENT WELLBEING
Ms Olivia Kite



DIRECTOR OF CO-CURRICULAR
Mr Joe Priest



DIRECTOR OF TREE
Mrs Sue-Ann Gavin



CHAPLAIN
Rev. Dr Rosalie Clarke



SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST
Mrs Amy Newsom

HEAD MENTORS & YEAR 7 MENTORS



BLACKMAN HEAD MENTOR
Mr Jason Smith



BLACKMAN YEAR 7 MENTOR
Mr Walter Prowse



GORDON HEAD MENTOR
Miss Kate Cutcliffe



GORDON YEAR 7 MENTOR
Angus Brotherton



BROWN HEAD MENTOR
Mr Ben Ronald



BROWN YEAR 7 MENTOR
Mr Dean Johnston



McLACHLAN HEAD MENTOR
Mr Norm Moore



McLACHLAN YEAR 7 MENTOR
Amy Keir



DEAN HEAD MENTOR
Mr Bryan Thomas



DEAN YEAR 7 MENTOR
Mr William Waterson



RICHARDS HEAD MENTOR
Mrs Michelle Thompson



RICHARDS YEAR 7 MENTOR
Brooke Skinner



DOUGLAS HEAD MENTOR
Mrs Kelly Cole



DOUGLAS YEAR 7 MENTOR
TBA



WILLIAMS HEAD MENTOR
Mr Matt Smedley



WILLIAMS YEAR 7 MENTOR
Helena Rollo

STUDENT LEADERS



HEAD & DEPUTY HEAD PREFECTS

Head Prefects: Mac Webster and Ellen Arundell. Deputy Head Prefects: Charlie Williams and Annabel Pengilly.



PREFECTS

Senior Boarder Prefects: Bryce Commings and Audrey Gill. Prefects: Chanel Knight, Tom Negus, Bryce Commings, Gian Wynn, Georgia Robson, Sally Carter, Ella Kirby, Audrey Gill, Harry Gutterson, Luke Hunter

STUDENT WELLBEING HOUSE CAPTAINS



BLACKMAN
William Denman



BLACKMAN
Hannah Richardson



GORDON
Josie Clarke



GORDON
Saxon Buckley



BROWN
Isabelle Medway



BROWN
Xanthe St Clair



McLACHLAN
Sophia Nelson



McLACHLAN
Benjamin Jones



DEAN
James Glasson



DEAN
Molly Smith



RICHARDS
Josephine Taylor



RICHARDS
Charlie Willis



DOUGLAS
Cailin McKay



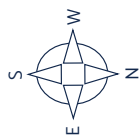
DOUGLAS
Dylan Tucker



WILLIAMS
James Ferguson



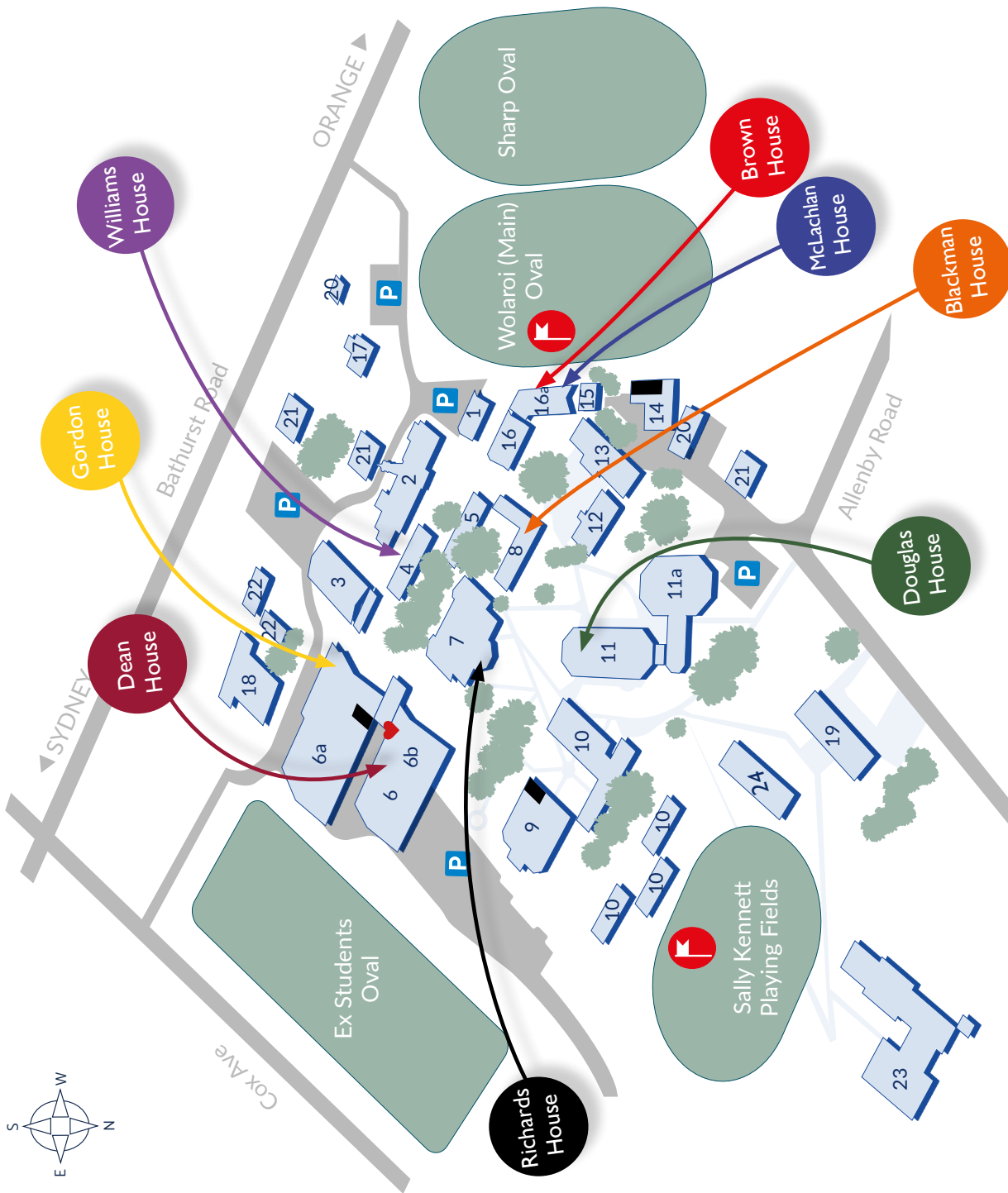
WILLIAMS
Lucy Gilbert



DAY HOUSE & CAMPUS MAP

- Parking
- Toilets
- Evacuation Assembly Point
- Defibrillator

1. DH Prest Building (Administration)
2. Wolaroi Mansion & Tower House
3. Derek Pigot Auditorium
4. KWS Shop
5. Memorial Block (Rms 7-8)
6. Anderson Centre (Rms 70-94)
- 6a. Recreation Centre (Rms 30-33)
- 6b. Indoor Pool
7. Library & ICT (Rms C1-C5)
8. Science Block (Rms 11-18)
9. Pre-Prep (Rm 47)
10. Preparatory School (Rms 40-57)
11. Music Centre (Rms 60-68)
- 11a. Performance Theatre
12. Bennett Building (Rms 20-26)
13. Trathen House (Rm 19)
14. Health Clinic & Change Rooms
15. Canteen
16. Mathematics Block (Rms 1-6)
- 16a. Staff Common Room
17. Wolaroi Cottage
18. Cattle/Agriculture
19. Weymouth House
20. Grounds/Maintenance
21. Residence/s
22. Cadet Compound
23. Wolaroi House
24. A-Block Classrooms (Rms A1-A8)



LOOKING AFTER YOU

There are 8 Wellbeing Houses in the Senior School at KWS and they operate a bit like the houses at Hogwarts. You can earn house points through your academic, dramatic and sporting ability and effort, and at the end of the year the points are all tallied and there is a winning house – you want it to be yours!

Just as importantly though, the Wellbeing Houses are where you physically belong from Years 7-12. Your Wellbeing Houses are more than earning House points for carnivals or House events. Your Wellbeing meetings will take place with your Mentor in your Wellbeing rooms nearly every day and you will also have regular House meetings where you will celebrate the achievements of your fellow House mates. These sessions and meetings will happen every day except Wednesday, when there is a whole school assembly. Every fortnight there will be a Year 7 Assembly in the PT to update you on school information, events and the like.

From Years 8-12 your lockers will be in the House area.

BLACKMAN ●

House colour: Orange
Head of House and lockers are located above the Year 7 Quad and Wellbeing classes are in Science rooms.

BROWN ●

House colour: Red
Head of House and lockers are located next to the Maths block and Wellbeing classes are in the Maths rooms.

DEAN ●

House colour: Maroon
Head of House and lockers are located opposite the gym and Wellbeing classes are held in the Anderson Centre.

DOUGLAS ●

House colour: Green
Head of House, lockers and Wellbeing classes are all in the Performing Arts Centre.

GORDON ●

House colour: Yellow
Head of House, lockers and Wellbeing classes are located in the 30s classrooms.

McLACHLAN ●

House colour: Blue
Head of House and lockers are located next to the Canteen and Wellbeing classes are in the Bennett Block.

RICHARDS ●

House colour: Black
Head of House and lockers are located opposite the gym and Wellbeing classes are held in the Computer Centre.

WILLIAMS ●

House colour: Purple
Head of House and lockers are located above the School Shop and Wellbeing classes are in the A Block.

MENTORS

You will have your Mentor with you from Year 7 to Year 12. They are there to care for your wellbeing as you make your way through the triumphs and challenges of Senior School.

BOARDERS

One of the aspects that makes KWS such a great school is our boarders. In Year 7 the boy boarders live at the main Campus in Trathen House and the girl boarders live on the PLC campus in Stuart Douglas House. As you make friends, consider asking a boarder to come home with you for the weekend. You can do this by asking your parents to contact your friend's parents who can apply for boarding leave.

THE YEAR 7 QUAD

In Year 7 you will all hang out together in the Year 7 Quad. Your lockers will be there, and that is where you will spend recess and lunch- eating, socializing and perhaps competing in a fun game of handball.

The Year 7 Coordinator's office is also located in the Year 7 Quad, so it is easy to drop in if you have a question or a concern or for any other reason. It is your responsibility to make sure the Quad is the best place to be in the whole school – so we sometimes have 'Litter Duty' as well as relying on you to clean up your own mess.

Your lockers are located around the Year 7 Quad and are there for you to store your days' worth of books as well as PE gear and your lunch box etc. There is a special hook for your blazer and a shelf for your hat or laptop. All the lockers are protected with a heavy-duty locking device which will open around 8am and close around 5pm. If you want to lock your locker in between these times you will need to bring your own padlock. This is highly encouraged as another way to ensure all your items are safe and secure. At the end of each day, it is up to you to remember to take all the necessary books home for your home learning, study and revision.

Please note that as a way of promoting positive and inclusive interactions, the Year 7 Quad is technology free zone. Technology such as phones should either be secured in your locker during the school day or left at home.

FINDING OUT WHAT IS GOING ON

In a school as big and busy as KWS it is really important that you check the Year 7 MsTeams every day for updates. This page will tell you what is going on, who is involved, and where you need to be.

Everything from music ensemble and sports try-outs to lost property will be included here.

The MsTeams platform contains all the information you will need about everything at KWS – academic details such as assessment schedules and subject information, sporting details such as carnivals and interschool activities, details of performing arts auditions and rehearsals, details on boarding and so forth. You will have an MsTeams page for each of your classes, your Wellbeing group, your Year group as well as other teams you might join along the way.

For longer term planning, always check the school calendar located on the school website. You will be given plenty of warning if there are class excursions or overnight sporting commitments as you will need to complete and return permission forms.

Additionally, the Year 7 Coordinator will send a fortnightly email to Year 7 parents to inform them of upcoming events specific to Year 7 students.

You must also check out the KWS Family Newsletter which will be emailed to your home every fortnight. There are also Instagram pages for KWS Boarding, KWS Wellbeing and KWS Tree which always have fantastic photos of life at KWS.

There is a great deal of information and it is worth taking the time to look at everything so you are always confident that you know what is going on.



LEARNING AT KWS

Our major focus in effective learning is the development of GRIT! This means that you recognize that learning can sometimes be hard and that it is important to struggle, to make mistakes and to ask questions in order to fully understand and acquire a new idea or skill. Putting effort into developing GRIT will ensure that you do your absolute best in your academic and general life, and we can't ask for more than that.

When you are in Senior School, you are immersed in a variety of subjects. In Year 7 these are English, Maths, Science, Religious Education, History, Geography, Technology, French, Latin or Me! Me! Me!, Music and PDHPE. You will find out what each of these subjects means for you on your first day of school, so you know what is done in each subject and why you are doing it.

In order to help you do your best, you have a KWS Diary that you must get into the habit of using as this will keep your life super organised. You must record your homework for every day, as well as reminders of meetings and activities that you may have coming up. The diary also has a lot of important information such as your time table, bell times, and a school map. The diary is a fantastic way to keep track of your daily learning and also your revision when it comes to assessment time.

HOMEWORK

Think of homework as you think of sports training or musical instrument practice – it is really important to revisit what you have learned in class that day so that you remember it and understand it. So, do your homework on the same day that you get it as this will help you retain all that valuable information. In Term 1, KWS have a strict homework policy for Year 7 that looks like this:

- 20 minutes wider reading – this can happen in bed before you go to sleep, or on a swing or in your lounge room. It can be a book or a magazine or a newspaper but it is **reading**, not watching or gaming!
- 20 minutes Numeracy – Maths homework
- 20 minutes Literacy - Reading English class text
- 20-30 minutes Literacy based tasks from other subjects – subject specific vocabulary lists.

ASSESSMENTS

In order for teachers to gauge your understanding of their subject, you will be given assessment tasks in each subject. These tasks will assess your learning for a particular unit of work. Please do your very best in these tasks as it gives insight into how well you are learning and whether you need additional support. There is an assessment schedule posted on MS Teams. At the end of year we have examinations, but you don't need to think about them just yet.

ICT

Students will need to bring their own laptop for use at school (please refer to the BYOLT policy on the KWS website for details). Laptops are brilliant resources for design, creativity and research. However, they come with a great responsibility as to their usage: you must be cyber-safe, respectful of others, and able to regulate your screen time. The Year 7 Quad is technology free so during recess and lunch there are to be no laptops or phones in use. This is so we can provide a welcoming atmosphere that encourages conversation and friendship.

TIMETABLES

At the beginning of the school year, you will be given a copy of your Student Timetable which you can then transfer into your diary.

This is an example of a Student Timetable at KWS.

Kinross Wolaroi School
Student Timetable

Year 7

Wellbeing Group: 7B
Homework: Locker Area
Monitor: Mr. S. Perry

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 1	Science 11 Ms van der BEEK	English A4 Ms McCann 7ENK	Maths 5 Mr. Perry 7ENK	Maths 5 Mr. Perry 7ENK	English A4 Ms McCann 7ENK
Period 2	Gen 83 Ms. Taylor 7JCEM	RE 21 Ms. Taylor 7JCEM	Maths 5 Mr. Perry 7ENK	Science 11 Ms van der BEEK	Latin A4 Ms. Taylor 7JCEM
Period 3	PD CHAM Ms. Taylor 7JCEM	Science 11 Ms van der BEEK	Gen 83 Ms. Taylor 7JCEM	Gen 83 Ms. Taylor 7JCEM	Latin A4 Ms. Taylor 7JCEM
Period 4	English A4 Ms McCann 7ENK	Gen 83 Ms. Taylor 7JCEM	Maths 5 Mr. Perry 7ENK	Latin A4 Ms. Taylor 7JCEM	Tech 30 Ms. Taylor 7JCEM
Period 5	Maths 5 Mr. Perry 7ENK	Maths 5 Mr. Perry 7ENK	Science 11 Ms van der BEEK	RE 21 Ms. Taylor 7JCEM	Science 11 Ms van der BEEK
Period 6	Maths 5 Mr. Perry 7ENK	PD CHAM Ms. Taylor 7JCEM	Tech 30 Ms. Taylor 7JCEM	English A4 Ms McCann 7ENK	Maths 5 Mr. Perry 7ENK

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Period 2	PD CHAM Ms. Taylor 7JCEM	Tech 30 Ms. Taylor 7JCEM	English A4 Ms McCann 7ENK	Maths 5 Mr. Perry 7ENK	Gen 83 Ms. Taylor 7JCEM
Period 3	Tech 30 Ms. Taylor 7JCEM	RE 21 Ms. Taylor 7JCEM	Tech 30 Ms. Taylor 7JCEM	Maths 5 Mr. Perry 7ENK	Maths 5 Mr. Perry 7ENK
Period 4	Latin A4 Ms. Taylor 7JCEM	Maths 5 Mr. Perry 7ENK	Tech 30 Ms. Taylor 7JCEM	Science 11 Ms van der BEEK	English 61 Ms. Taylor 7JCEM
Period 5	French 41 Ms. Taylor 7JCEM	English A4 Ms McCann 7ENK	Maths 5 Mr. Perry 7ENK	French 41 Ms. Taylor 7JCEM	Tech 30 Ms. Taylor 7JCEM
Period 6	Maths 5 Mr. Perry 7ENK	Science 11 Ms van der BEEK	French 41 Ms. Taylor 7JCEM	Gen 83 Ms. Taylor 7JCEM	Science 11 Ms van der BEEK

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7B	Monitor	Ms S. Perry	7ENK	Religious Education	Ms S. Perry
7ENK	English	Ms C. McCann	7ENK	Maths	Ms S. Perry
7JCEM	Mathematics 11.3 Pathways	Mr W. Perry	7ENK	Maths	Ms S. Perry
7JCEM	Science	Ms S. van der BEEK	7ENK	PDHPE	Ms S. Perry
7JCEM	Geography	Ms S. Taylor	7ENK	7ENK	7ENK
7JCEM	Latin	Ms S. Taylor	7ENK	7ENK	7ENK
7JCEM	French	Ms S. Taylor	7ENK	7ENK	7ENK
7JCEM	Technology	Ms S. Taylor	7ENK	7ENK	7ENK



CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

TryKWS

During Term 1, unless you are already committed to a summer sport like cricket, all students new to the Senior School will be involved in our TrySport and TryBand program. TryKWS takes place every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 3.30-5pm, and every Saturday morning from 8-9am. You will be introduced to a huge variety of sports such as: netball, hockey, soccer, rugby, triathlon, water polo, basketball, rugby sevens, volleyball, AFL and athletics. You will try a huge variety of instruments as well. For TryKWS you wear your House shirt and KWS shorts and should bring a hat and water bottle.

SPORT

From Term 2 onwards, you can choose your own sport from the many available at KWS. You will have been introduced to all of them during TryKWS so you can make an informed choice. There are details on all the different sports you can do on MS Teams.

PERFORMING ARTS

At KWS we have an excellent music and drama school. Their goal is 'to foster the growth of students' imagination and education through encouragement, collaboration and teamwork', which sounds like so much fun! There are plenty of music ensembles for you to sign up for as well as TryBand in Term 1. The annual school production is also a phenomenal experience. In 2019, a number of Year 7 students were involved in the KWS School Musical Oliver, and in 2021 School Musical

The Addams Family! Even one of the lead roles in Oliver was a Year 7 student – and he was brilliant! Please make sure you try out for everything, as being involved in KWS performing arts is a rich and rewarding experience.

CADETS

Cadets is compulsory in Year 7 and Year 8. It doesn't start until part way through Term 3 into Term 4 and you are going to learn more about Cadets on your second day at KWS but let me say, you will love Cadets!

You will get to experience some new challenging (but amazing) things! For many the Cadet Camp is one of their favorite events and a highlight on the school calendar. There is information about Cadets on MS Teams too.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Student Representative Council (SRC) gives students from all year groups a voice in the way that their school is run and what the school's involvement in the community will look like. The SRC elections are in Term 3, and you will hold the position for a year. Approximately four students from Year 7 will be elected by a vote, so you can self-nominate for a position, or be nominated by a peer. There are also leadership opportunities in sports teams. Of course, as you go through your schooling there will be plenty of other opportunities to gain leadership positions, with the ultimate being School Captain and Prefects.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

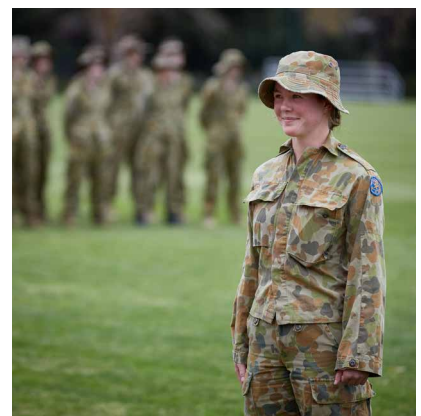
We are very proud of our school uniform and we wear it with pride. This means that you have to make sure you are wearing it properly. Your uniform must be clean and neat, and your shoes polished regularly. There is a lot of information about uniform rules in the KWS Diary so please make sure you are familiar with these.

LEAVE AND ABSENCES

All leave requests for appointments, sickness and absence for any reason for up to two days need to be made by parents to KWS Reception. Longer term leave requests will be directed to Mr Boyd or Dr Parry. Please remember, you have to sign out when you leave the school, and sign back in when you return. This is so we can account for you at all times, especially important if there is a fire drill. Teachers will take the roll during every class for the same reason. If you are not where you are supposed to be, we will start worrying and looking for you immediately!







FIRST DAY NOTES & SUBJECT INFORMATION

ENGLISH

MATHS

SCIENCE

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

HISTORY

GEOGRAPHY

FIRST DAY NOTES & SUBJECT INFORMATION

FRENCH

LATIN

ME! ME! ME!

TECHNOLOGY

MUSIC

PDHPE



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