

A huge welcome to Outwood Academy Hemsworth

My name is Mrs Chambers and I am the Learning Manager for year 7. My job is to look after you throughout your time at OA Hemsworth alongside your VMG tutor and staff at the Academy.



Your VMG tutor plays a very important role in your time at the Academy; they will see you every day and they are your first point of contact should you have any concerns.

We have put together this “Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Booklet” to help you feel confident and excited about joining us – it contains lots of useful information that you may want to know before coming here in September.

Some of the contents of this booklet are purely for information, however I have included some fun activities for you to complete. There will be opportunities for you to ask questions, so please do not be afraid to speak up.

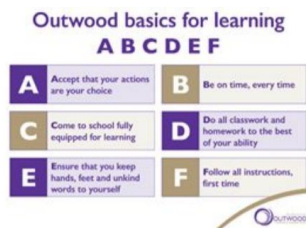
I look forward to meeting you all soon,

Mrs Chambers

Be Prepared!

At Outwood Academy Hemsworth it is important that you are prepared for your school day, every day. This means arriving for school on time with the correct uniform and equipment. Having all of these things will help you to have an enjoyable day and be able to fully participate. The timetable of the day will be different to your Primary routines as you will be moving around the Academy at various times and will have a different subject each lesson. It is therefore important that you have a bag to carry your things from one place to another. Some lessons may require more equipment than others so it is therefore essential that you remember everything you will need for that day, including your PE kit.

Being prepared is part of our basics for learning.



Our students follow the Outwood basics for learning ABCDEF (**A**cccept that your actions are your choice, **B**e on time, every time, **C**ome to school fully equipped for learning, **D**o all classwork and homework to the best of your ability, **E**nsure that you keep hands, feet and unkind words to yourself, **F**ollow all instructions, first time)

We use our planners in every lesson. Please make sure you bring it with you everyday!

Below are some subjects you will be doing in Year 7. Think about some equipment that you may need for these lessons and write what you will need to bring with you to school.



English	
Maths	
Food Technology	
PE	
Art	

What lessons will I do?

During Year 7, you will study a broad and balanced curriculum which includes English, Maths and Science. You will also study a range of Expressive Arts subjects, Geography, History, Religious Education through the Life programme, Computer Science, Technology subjects, a Modern Foreign Language and Physical Education.

You will be given an individual timetable that will tell you where to go and when. You need to keep this safe in the front of your planner because you will need to use this lots of times, every day, especially when you are still getting used to the academy.

Who will be my teachers?

In secondary school, you will have lots of different teachers. These are some of our leadership team who will greet you at the Academy gate every morning.

			
Mr Rutter Principal	Mr Ives Vice Principal	Mr Godfrey Vice Principal	Miss Langley Associate Vice Principal
			
Miss McFadyen Assistant Principal	Mrs Clifford Assistant Principal	Mr Barnes Assistant Principal	Mrs Cox Transition Lead

Use the spaces below to complete the names of your subject teachers;

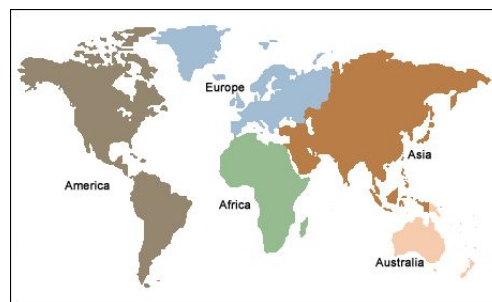
Subject	My Teacher's name
Maths	
English	
Science	
VMG	
Student Information Desk	
PE	
History	
Geography	
Drama	
Modern Foreign Language	
Computer Science	
Religious Education	
Life Studies	
Technology	
Healthcare	

You can help your teacher by being a STAR in class. (Sit up and listen carefully, Track the teacher, Ask and answer questions, Respect others).



What is a VMG?

A VMG is a Vertical Mentoring Group which includes students from Year 7 through to Year 11; there is a 20 minute session every day. VMGs each have a country and together, all VMGs form 5 continents; Africa, Asia, Americas, Australasia and Europe. Once a week there is an assembly, which are attended by all continents and focus on key elements of British Values, social, moral and, topical issues or curriculum information.

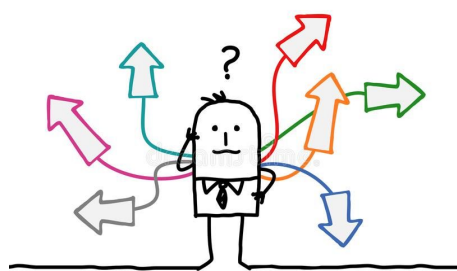


There are also a variety of VMG activities per week, with a focus on literacy, numeracy, Pledges, SMSC, attendance and topical issues.

Each VMG has elected representatives which feedback to the Student Voice meetings every half term on key issues discussed by the student population.

Students are assigned to a VMG on arrival at the Academy and where possible, they will be mixed with students who they have been to primary school with. The ethos of a VMG is that students share experiences and mentoring between year groups can be established as students can be supported by older students who have had similar experiences and can advise, guide, help and support them.

How will I know where to go?



Outwood Academy Hemsworth is a big place compared to your primary school so it will take you a little while to find your way around the buildings. When you start on your first day your VMG tutor will give you lots of information and a map to help. You will be surprised just how quickly you will get to know your way around the campus.

This seems to be one of the biggest fears but this is something that you do not need to worry about. Teachers will not get cross if you arrive a few minutes late when you are new – they understand that it takes a little time. Other members of staff or students will help you find your way around. Please do not be afraid to ask a member of staff or someone else to help you.

Subjects are located in specific areas and this makes it easier to find your way around. All of the Science rooms are in the same block and there is an area for Maths and an area for English.

What do I do if the fire alarm goes off?

If you hear a continuous ringing of the bell you are to evacuate the building. If you are in a classroom your teacher will give you instructions on what to do. You must leave the building in a quiet and orderly manner and leave by the nearest fire exit.

Each VMG country has a specific area indicated by a number where they are to line up and wait for their VMG tutor for registration on the astro-turf. Please ensure that you follow the fire procedures and report to this area immediately.

Where do I go if I need help?

The student information desk is located near the main reception. They can give you help and advice on anything you might need in school. The healthcare room is also near here.

Will I see my friends?

You will have lots of opportunities to see your friends at lunchtime and at breaktime. Starting high school is a great chance to make new friends too. When communicating with staff and other students we use our STEPS.

Be phenomenal and remember...



Term Dates

AUTUMN DATES 2020		
Open - Staff Only	INSET Day – Academy not open to students	Monday 7 September 2020
Academy open for:	Years 7-11	Tuesday 8 September 2020
Last day	Half Term	Friday 23 October 2020
First day		Monday 2 November 2020
Last day	End of term	Thursday 17 December 2020
SPRING TERM 2021		
First day		Monday 4 January 2021
Last day	Half Term	Friday 12 February 2021
First day		Monday 22 February 2021
Last day	End of term	Friday 26 March 2021
SUMMER TERM 2021		
First day		Monday 12 April 2021
Closed for:	May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 3 May 2021
Last day	Half Term	Friday 28 May 2021
First day		Monday 7 June 2021
Last day	Summer Holiday	Friday 23 July 2021

Due to COVID-19 there will be a staggered return in September to allow Year 7 and Year 12 to be inducted to the Academy. Details will be sent to parents/carers and published on our website.

INSET days for the academic year 2020/21:

Monday 7 September 2020
 Friday 23 October 2020
 Friday 18 December 2020
 Monday 26th July 2021
 1 further INSET to be confirmed.

The Academy Day

Arrival on site	08:15am
Period 1	08:25-09:25am
Period 2	09:25-10:25am
VMG/Assembly/Break	10:25-11:00am
Period 3	11:00-12:00pm
Period 4 (Lunch Time for Y7 only 12:30-1:00pm)	12:00-12:30pm 1:00-1:30pm
Period 5	1:30-2:30pm
Enrichment (optional)	2:30-3:30pm

You will have a break in the morning for 15 mins, the same as you do at primary school. You will be expected to go to the restaurant and toilet during this time.

At Outwood Academy Hemsworth there are three lunch breaks. Year 7 lunch starts at 12.30pm and finishes at 1pm. You will have the restaurant to yourselves in which you can have your lunch and relax with your friends. The restaurant is also open from 7.45am for breakfast. The restaurant serves both hot and cold food and there is enough seating for all students whether eating Academy provided food or for those who wish to bring in a packed lunch.

We are a cash free restaurant. You will pay for your meals using a fingerprint system and your parents will be able to register online and put money on this system and check your balance at home. Your VMG tutor will organise this for you on your first day.

If you are eligible for free school meals this will automatically be credited to your account.

NO YEAR 7 STUDENTS ARE ALLOWED HOME AT LUNCHTIME OR ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE ACADEMY SITE – if you are not on Academy grounds we cannot look after you or be held responsible for you.

Behavioural Expectations

Our aim is to ensure that students are safe, respectful and responsible because it is who they are. In Outwood Academies, this is about being at the top of the pyramid.

I behave well because:



We expect all of our students to:

1. Be safe
2. Be respectful
3. Be responsible

We will work with you to ensure that you understand why it is important to be safe, be respectful and be responsible.

We will teach you how to be safe, respectful and responsible members of the

community because this enables you to learn better and also prepares you for life once you leave our academies.

We will make reasonable adjustments if you find it difficult to meet our expectations. If you choose to behave in a manner which is not safe, respectful or responsible then there are consequences and support in place to help you to modify your behaviour. Where this becomes a pattern, we will work with your parents/carers to find a suitable consequence or support for you.

Other Transition Resources

Over the next few months we will be sending some information packs to your home address as indicated on the admissions form. We will also be putting resources on the website such as a virtual tour of the Academy so you can see some of our classrooms and interviews with staff so you can see who they are before you arrive in September.

We will also be adding a Frequently Asked Questions onto our website so please think of any questions you may have and that we can answer.

Enrichment

We offer a rich and varied Enrichment programme that runs from 2.30–3.30pm. We consider this an important part of Academy life and you can see from the list below there are many exciting activities and curriculum support events that you can participate in.

Years 7-10 and P16 Enrichments

What are enrichments?

Enrichments are after school clubs that run between 2:30pm – 3:30pm. They offer you the opportunity to take part in an activity, try something different or get some support with your studies.

Why attend an enrichment?

- To do something fun after school
- Make new friends
- Learn a new skill
- Catch up on classwork
- Improve your grade
- Complete homework
- Do something different

Library Opening

Hours:
 Monday- Thursday
 2:30pm - 4:00pm
 Friday 2:30pm-
 3:25pm

	Activity	Room
Monday	Year 7 Drama club	Drama studio
	GCSE Combined Science Revision	Upstairs Science corridor
	GCSE Separate Science Revision	
	Science A Level Revision	S3
	KS3 Language club	PC1
Wednesday	Psychology	PE
	Rugby years 7-9	T8
	KS3 Tech club	
	KS3 Art/Homework club	T5
	Year 8 Drama club	Drama Studio
Thursday	BTEC Music	D4
	KS3 English club	C3
	Media club (All years)	E3
	P-16 English Literature Enrichment	E1
	RC club	T10
Friday	KS3 Hair and Beauty	T4
	GCSE Maths Revision	Upstairs maths rooms
	MFL	S2/S4
	KS4 Art club	T6
	KS4 Drama Workshops	Drama Studio
Friday	Choir	D3
	Band (all instruments welcome)	D4
	Geography	H3
	Geography	H4
	History	H5
	History	H6
	History	H7
	Hospitality and Catering	T2
	Hair and Beauty	T4
	Construction	T9
	Computer Science and iMedia	E3
	Business and Enterprise	E2
	KS5 Applied law	E3
	A level Maths revision	S.5

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Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any other questions. Have a lovely summer and we will see you in September!

Mrs Chambers

