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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you are all well and have enjoyed a restful summer holiday. As we look forward to the start of the new academic year and your child joining us at Huntington School, we thought a reminder letter would be helpful to send. We have tried to cover all the most frequently asked questions.

Year 7 join us on **WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**. They are the only year group on site that day.

#### START OF THE DAY

The school day starts at 8.30am and finishes at 3.10pm. School buses will be running as normal and if your child uses a bus, they should have a bus pass that needs to be always with them to show as they board the bus. Any further questions about bus routes or times should be directed to the relevant bus company – York Pullman on 01904 622992 [Huntington School | York Pullman \(yorkpullmanbus.co.uk\)](http://Huntington School | York Pullman (yorkpullmanbus.co.uk)) or Morse Coaches on 01347 878969. Pullmans have assured us that the drop off and pick up locations will not be affected by road works, although on Wednesday and Thursday next week, there may be a slight delay getting home as the route will be slightly altered.

Please note that if you are dropping off or picking up your child that the school car park is closed to traffic around the start and end of the day – the car park across the road at the AstroTurf may be an ideal place to meet your child as an alternative. At 8.15am we will begin to welcome Year 7s through P block gates (between the main reception and student reception). Members of the senior leadership and pastoral teams will be there to meet and greet the children. **This will be their usual entrance gate every morning**. Students should arrive in school by 8.30am. Students will be late if they arrive after 8.35am.

We will begin the day with a fire drill and then move to form tutor bases.

#### UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT

It is important that all students are wearing correct uniform on the first day and every day. We have high expectations that students should be smart and correctly dressed for school. The pastoral team will speak to any child who is not in correct uniform and the expectation will be that this is corrected. They will contact families to discuss how we can resolve the issue.

- **Year group clip on ties must** be worn- red is the colour for incoming Year 7.
- Trainers **must not** be worn for school. This includes black trainers such as the Nike Air Force 1 type.
- Leggings **must not** be worn in school.

- Extreme fake eye lashes (Russian style) **must not be worn. No painted or fake nails.**
- **No Jewellery** apart from one plain set of earring studs.
- **No extreme haircuts**, including multi- colours or tram lines.
- Skirts should be knee length.
- School jumpers must be worn.
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We appreciate that the cost of living may make it difficult to obtain the correct uniform. We have an extensive range of pre-owned uniform, which contributes to making our uniform affordable but also makes a positive impact on the environment through recycling. If you have any enquiries about pre-owned uniform stock can be made by emailing: [uniform@huntington-ed.org.uk](mailto:uniform@huntington-ed.org.uk)

**Year 7 should also come to school with their PE kit on the first day.**

Please can students bring a water bottle and a pencil case with them each day. If you have ordered a pencil case or calculator on Wisepay then these will be given out on the first day. A reminder of the equipment students should have each day can be seen below. Planners will be issued by tutors during the morning.

**Succeeding at School: Be Prepared**

**Equipment**  
Make sure you bring the right equipment to school. You will need:

- ✓ Student planner
- ✓ Blue or black pen (and a spare)
- ✓ Pencil
- ✓ Ruler 30 cm
- ✓ Eraser
- ✓ Pencil sharpener
- ✓ Calculator (as recommended by the Mathematics Department)

Other useful equipment might be:

- ✓ Protractor
- ✓ Coloured pencils
- ✓ Pair of compasses
- ✓ Highlighter
- ✓ Set square
- ✓ English dictionary

Please remember to label all uniform and PE kit as this makes it much easier to re-unite lost items with their owners!

### WISEPAY AND FREE SCHOOL MEALS

As you know, the Wisepay system is used for parents and carers to make payments to the school, for school meals, trips and fundraising. You received a letter with your Wisepay username and password last term. Here is a link to the [Wisepay - login](#) The link is also on our school website. **Our organisation code is 93884335**, parents will need this to use the Wisepay App.

If you have not yet logged on, please can you do so to ensure that you have added money for lunch on Wednesday. **Students who are in receipt of Free School meals** will receive them at Huntington School. You can apply for **free school meals** on the City of York Council website (further information can be found there too). [Eligibility for free school meals – City of York Council](#)

If you have not yet purchased a locker on Wisepay, then please do so. Lockers will be allocated during the first few weeks of term. Students will need to bring a padlock to use on their lockers (we recommend a key lock padlock).

### CLASS CHARTS

We use Class Charts to communicate with parents. Parental login details will be sent out during next week. This will also be the platform for Homework to be recorded. Further detail regarding this will be communicated to you at the start of term

### PLAN FOR WEDNESDAY

Students will have a year group assembly followed by lots of time with their form tutor and key members of staff. They will be learning about the school and also getting to know their form group and making new friends. After lunch we will be having some PE time as well as having a tour of the school. Students will also have time looking at their timetable and getting logged on to the school catering system. Please make sure your child knows how they are getting home and if they will be being picked up or are walking home alone.

There will be time with the form on Thursday morning when the rest of the school will be on site followed by the start of formal lessons in the afternoon on Thursday.

If you have any further queries, please contact us on [transition2023@huntington-ed.org.uk](mailto:transition2023@huntington-ed.org.uk)

I would like to wish you all the very best for the end of the summer holiday and the start of an exciting new school year.

Yours sincerely



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