



Hillcrest School And Sixth Form Centre

HELPING YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL DURING YEAR 7



The key to being organised at school is **preparation**.

BEFORE SCHOOL

The beginning of the day is very important in setting a positive attitude in school. Please ensure that your child has:

1. Their uniform ready the night before.
2. Their books and equipment for the next day in their school bag.
3. Something to eat before school. This can be difficult, but even a piece of fruit is better than nothing.

Breakfast is available in school from 7.30am and students can work in the OLC from 8.00 onwards.



ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

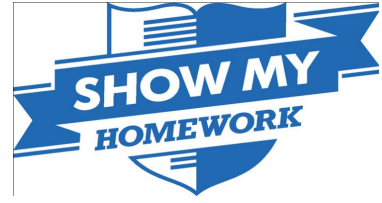
Students must be in their form room to be marked on time by **8.45am** each day. If students arrive late to school it creates problems for the rest of the day

1. They miss registration and important notices.
2. They miss the social aspect of being part of a form.
3. They miss the first part of the lesson and may not understand the work that is going on.

Students receive a 30 minute lunchtime detention if they are late to school.



HOMEWORK



All students homework is set through '**Show My Homework**', a website based system. Parents/carers also have access to show my homework so can see what homework has been set and when it is due. Parents/carers should:

1. Check the homework set on a regular basis.
2. Contact school if you have any worries about homework difficulties.

EQUIPMENT



As well as **PE kit** your child will need:

1. A **school bag** that can accommodate text books, exercise books and a pencil case
2. **Blue or black pens**, pencil, ruler, eraser, compass and sharpener
3. A **green pen** which is used to mark other students work and make improvements to their own work
4. **Highlighters**
5. A small **padlock** for her locker.

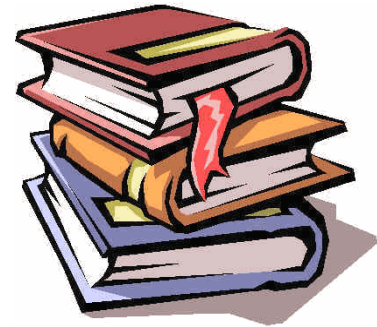
TIMETABLE

1. Every student is given a timetable at the beginning of the year.
2. This needs to be copied into their planner so they always have a copy in their bag.
3. It is also useful for parents/carers to have copies at home so you can see what lessons they have and what they might need to take to school that day.

HOMEWORK GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS/CARERS

If homework involves a lot of reading the following ideas may help:

- ♦ Read the text to your child.
- ♦ Highlight key words and phrase.
- ♦ Discuss the contents with your child.



Remember to organise homework each day so there is always time to relax and enjoy time with friends and family. Make sure that your child does not use 'not understanding' as an excuse not to do the work. It is much better to talk about it and ask for help. If you have any concerns regarding homework please do not hesitate to get in contact with the school .

Pastoral Support

All students in year 7 will be allocated a form group (N1-N5) in **Nightingale College**. They will be split into mixed ability teaching groups for their lessons. English, Maths and Science will set students into ability groups after October half term holidays.



PEOPLE WHO CAN HELP YOU AND YOUR CHILD:

Your child's form tutor

Miss King : Nightingale College Leader

Mrs Bunce: School Learning Mentor (health and well-being)

Mr Connor-Hemming: Deputy Headteacher and Transition Co-ordinator

Mrs Penn: SENDCO

**We look forward to seeing your child at 8.40am on Thursday 3rd
September for her first day at Hillcrest School**