

YEAR 7

STUDENT WELCOME

BOOKLET



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HOW IS MY SCHOOL DAY ORGANISED?

Registration is in the morning at 8:45 am. You must register every morning unless you give a letter to your Form Tutor from your parents to explain your absence.

If you arrive in school late or leave early, you must sign in and sign out. The signing in and out lists are outside the Reception Office window, in the front foyer, next to the School Office.

TIMETABLE

8.40	Warning Bell (Move to Tutor Room)
8.45	Registration (Tutor Room)
8.50	*Move to Assembly
9.10	PERIOD 1
10.10	PERIOD 2
11.10	BREAK
11.35	PERIOD 3
12.35	PERIOD 4
13.35	LUNCH
14.30	Warning Bell (Move to Period 5 room/venue)
14.35	PERIOD 5
15.35	School Ends

ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies are twice a week for Year 7, on a Monday and Wednesday. You're expected to line up for assemblies in silence with uniform checked and looking very smart.

There are also House assemblies where everyone in your House (from Year 7 to Year 13) meets. Denson, Hampden and Lee houses have their assembly on Tuesday and Paterson, Phillips and Ridley have their assembly on Thursday.

Assemblies can be fun and are always informative! Many of them are run by students.

TRAVEL

TRAVELLING BY BUS

Travelling by bus takes a little getting used to but it soon gets easy.

Before you start your first day at AGS, it's a good idea to find out where your bus stop is in your village or town. This will make it much easier on the day. Also find out what time the bus will arrive at your stop so you have plenty of time to walk there on your first day.

At the end of the day you will catch your bus from the Grange Coach Park, unless you are told otherwise. The coach park is a 2 minute walk from school, but lots of students will be walking in that direction so you will find it easily! You will be told which lane of the coach park your bus will arrive at, and sent a map with your bus pass.

In the first week of term in September, Mr Singh and Miss Hill will walk to the bus park and help you with finding your bus. Also, there are always members of Bucks Transport staff to help out with any questions.

Travelling by bus can be fun. You are bound to make lots of friends on your bus, and you may already know people on it anyway. Remember though you should behave on the bus as you would in school. We are sent reports from bus drivers and the bus companies - you don't want to be getting in trouble as a result of poor behaviour on the bus!

Don't worry if you miss a bus, as there are staff from the Council's Transport Department at the Coach Park who will help you.

OTHER FORMS OF TRANSPORT

The roads outside school, especially Turnfurlong, are extremely busy, with little space to manoeuvre, both in the mornings and afternoons.

If you come by car, why don't you suggest that your parents pick you up or drop you off further along the road in a safer area? You could then walk the rest of the way.

If you live close enough, you may cycle to school. However, it is recommended that you do so only when you have passed the Cycling Proficiency Test, as the traffic in Aylesbury is very busy in the mornings and evenings. You should wear a safety helmet.

If you walk to school, be careful crossing the roads as Aylesbury has a lot of traffic in the mornings. Even close to school and with friends, you need to be aware and paying attention, not taking any risks.

STAYING ORGANISED AT SCHOOL

- ✓ Packing your bag the night before, helps you remember all of the correct books for the day and any homework due in.
- ✓ Your planner must be with you every day to record homework.
- ✓ If you have a locker at school, use it to store any extra PE bags or heavy books for the day. (Your locker will be located in your tutor room and you will have access to it during registration, at break time and lunchtime, but not at other times in between lessons).
- ✓ Have your name on your uniform, bag and all other items that you bring into school, to prevent someone else picking them up by accident. This will also help you find any lost items.
- ✓ Use the bag racks next to the Dining Hall at break time and lunch times to keep all of your items in one place.

HOMEWORK AND PLANNER USE

Record any homework issued in your planner, making sure you have written a clear description on the task set and a date when the homework is due in.

Example: <u>Subject</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
History	Design and create a model of a Castle.	10/10/17

If you aren't sure of the homework set, **what can you do?**

- ✓ Ask the teacher to clarify what the homework is.
- ✓ If you were missing from a lesson, ask your fellow classmates if there has been any homework set.
- ✓ If you need help with your homework, ask your teacher at a break time or lunchtime if they could help you. (This must not be done on the day your homework is due in).
- ✓ Write an email to your teacher asking for some guidance.

Example:

Dear Miss Hill

I am finding Q2 in the homework, challenging and would be grateful if you could give me some guidance please.

Kind Regards

Dylan (7Pa)

IN THE CLASSROOM



- ✓ Always enter a room in silence, unpack quickly and stand behind your seat, until your teacher invites you to sit down.
- ✓ If another member of staff enters your classroom during a lesson, you should stand up as a mark of respect.
- ✓ Ask questions during lessons but doing this appropriately is very important. You should always raise your hand and wait to be asked by your teacher. Shouting out during a lesson is disruptive to everyone else.
- ✓ Be involved in any group or discussion work as much as you can.
- ✓ Listening is key during lessons to enable you to understand all tasks set.
- ✓ Teamwork. Contribute but always let others have a chance to join in.
- ✓ If you realise you are sat next to friends you struggle to concentrate with, it is a good idea to speak to your teacher and discuss moving.
- ✓ You must take all of your belongings with you at the end of every lesson.

BUDDY'S

Each Year 7 Tutor group will be assigned six Buddy's. Each Buddy is responsible for five Year 7 Students. When you start in September you will find out who your Buddy is.

The Buddy's are Year 8 students and are there to discuss any questions, problems or worries you might have. You will meet your Buddies on Induction Day; they will be wearing badges to make them easy to spot!

In September, the Buddies will be coming in to Tutor rooms during some registration sessions to offer help and support. They were new to the school last year, so will have plenty of tips!

By the end of your first Year at AGS you will be able to apply to become a Buddy yourself.

Notes/Questions I may want to ask my Buddy after Induction day: