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### Hello Year 6

I have really enjoyed reading all your questions and will answer them in stages.

If you would like something explained in more detail please send me a message or write it in the "stream".



### When will we know which class we are in?



#### Form class:

I have had meetings with all your Year 6 teachers and they have discussed with me who works well together and who doesn't. I try and ensure that everyone has at least one friend from primary school in their form class.

The form classes are: 7Y, 7S, 7G, 7O, 7L, 7B (which you will see spells "YSGOLB")
These classes are divided into "sides of year" so Y, S &G are one "side" and O, L & B are the other "side".

I am putting these classes together over the next couple of weeks. Whenever we first meet as a year group is when you will find out which class you are in.

#### **Subject classes:**

You will be put into sets (1,2 or 3) before you arrive. 7Y, 7S and 7G are setted together and 7O, 7L and 7B are setted together. There will be regular assessments during the academic year and movement between sets is quite normal. You are setted for all your subjects in Year 7. You will find out who is in your classes when you attend the lessons next academic year.

# What time do we have to be in school for? What time does school end? How many lessons per day? Would we have a snack at morning break? Will we have snack time and break time?



The school day is as follows:

**8:40am : Registration** This is when you will be with your form class; you will have an assembly once a week.

**9:00 am:** Lesson 1 **10:00 am:** Lesson 2

11:00 am – 11:20am: Morning break (You can purchase food and drink from the canteen or bring your own)

**11:20 am:** Lesson 3 **12:20 pm:** Lesson 4

**1:20 pm – 2:00 pm:** Lunchtime (As break time)

**2:00 pm:** Lesson 5 **3:00 pm:** Home time

### Will we have a timetable to follow? What lessons will we have?



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In Year 7 you will study:

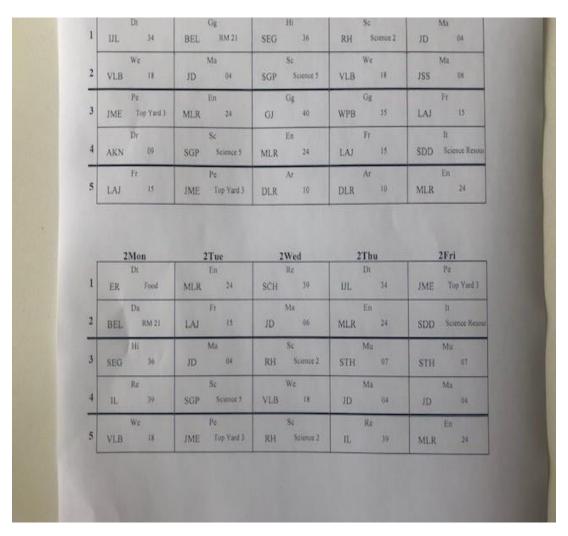
Maths, English, Science, History, Geography, RE, Dance, Drama, Art, Music, DT (Food) DT (Product Design), IT, PE, Welsh and Spanish.

You will have a timetable that goes into your planner (it's always a good idea to put a spare copy in your room or on the fridge!)

We have a 2 week timetable; Week 1 can be very different from Week 2. You can see a typical Y7 timetable in the picture. The top abbreviation is the subject e.g. "Hi" is History.

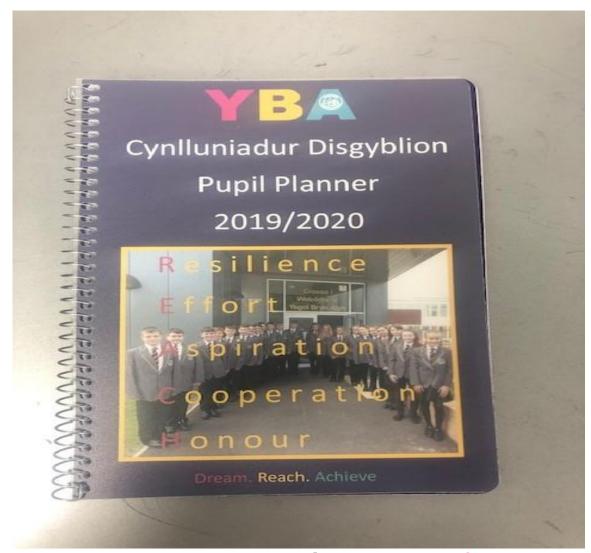
The capital letters you see are the initials of the teacher e.g. "LAJ" = me, Mrs Jones.

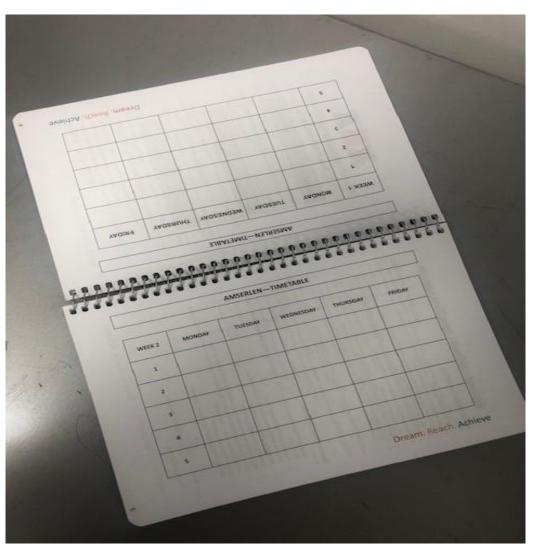
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### You will be issued with a planner on your first day.....







## How often do we get homework? Will we have homework in the first week? What days do we have homework? What happens if we forget homework?



You will be issued homework and this is recorded in you planner. If you are unsure what you are supposed to do then please ask your teacher.

There is no set timetable for homework so it could be given at any time. You could get homework in the first week.

You will usually be given plenty of time to complete homework. If there is a problem then parents/guardians can write a comment in your planner to explain why the homework has not been done. Teachers are understanding however if this is a persistent problem you could find yourself in a detention during break or lunch or possibly after school.



### What if we find the work too hard? What will happen if I am not doing so well in my classes?



We have a fantastic Additional Learning Needs (ALN) Department here at Ysgol Bryn Alyn. Ms Jasmin Morgan is our ALNCO and Mrs Jill Wellings-Davies oversees the pupils in the Resourced Provision. There is also a huge team of TA's.

You may have TA's in your classes – this is different to primary where you may have the same TA attached to your class all year. If you are struggling with the work then you will be supported by the ALN team and your teachers.

You may be taken out of a lesson for intervention to help with your reading, spelling, handwriting, numeracy skills etc

I mentioned that you will be put into sets according to ability therefore if you are really struggling, or finding the work really easy then it may mean that a set move could help you.

### And finally (for now) ....



#### Do we share a yard with other year groups?

Yes – there are no areas designated for a particular year group.

#### Do you have lockers?

No – unfortunately we do not have the room for lockers in school at present.

Do you know what measures will be in place come September due to C-19?

At the moment, no as the situation is constantly changing. As soon as we know how "the new normal" will look in September we will share this with you.