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Y6 Transition to Y7 Frequently Asked Questions

Who are the important staff for my child at King Ecgbert School?

• Their Form Tutor and Head of House



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You'll find out who these are before they start.

• Their Year Manager



Miss Machin

Their SLT link



Ms Smith

Who are the other important people in school?



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Mr Haigh Headteacher



Mrs Sellars SENCO



Mrs Smyth SEN Support



Mr Vincent IR Co-ordinator





Mr Bashir Safeguarding and Inclusion Manager

Mrs Allen Student Reception

How does the House system work at KES?



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- You will be put in a House before you start school
- Each house has a student leadership team of House Captains and Prefects
- We have House Assemblies every week
- House teams compete in a number of competitions and on Sports Day
- House points are collected every week and the House with the most house points at the end of the year gets a reward

How is the curriculum structured in Y7?



- Year group split into two halves four teaching groups in one half and three in the other
- Most lessons are taught in mixed ability groups
- Maths is set according to attainment
- You will have one Accelerated Reading lesson a week

Subject	Number of lessons per week
Maths	4
English	3
Science	3
History	2
Geography	2
French/German	2
ICT	1
DT	1.5
Art	1
Drama	0.5
Music	1
PE	2
L@kes	1
Accelerated Reading	1



What subjects will my child study in Y7?

- 0.5 means a lesson will happen once every two weeks.
- L@kes is Learning at King Ecgbert School and is our personal, social, health and religious education lesson

What is Accelerated Reading and why is reading so important?



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Accelerated Reader BOOK Level Guide



- Accelerated reading is a lesson where students read for an hour every week and then read at home for 20 mins 4 times a week.
- The students can choose what they read but will be guided to choose a book that develops their reading skills
- They do a quiz on every book they read to earn points.

Reading is the most important skill because when students get "hooked on books" they :-

- improve their vocabulary
- develop the ability to understand and use complex grammar
- develop a good writing style
- become good (but not necessarily perfect) spellers.

Will my child go on trips and visits in Y7?



- Trips are a very important part of the education offered at King Ecgbert.
- All students are expected to go on subject based trips. Some trips, like trips to other countries, are voluntary.
- Students who engage in extra-curricular activities and school visits are the most successful learners and make the most progress.

What trips are on offer for Y7?

- In the past Y7s have had trips such as the geography trip to Castleton, camping with Bushcraft and trips to France Germany and Spain
- Because of the current situation, we are not able to confirm any trips for the next academic year and will await government advice on travel.











Are there extra curricular clubs on offer in Y7?



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There are a range of clubs and activities at lunch times and after school:

- Sports Clubs (for all levels)
- Music Lessons
- Y7 Art Club
- Homework Clubs
- Computer Club
- Science Club
- Film Club

Y7 Extra Curricular Activities@KES



What are the school rules and how does the school reward good behaviour?



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Code of Conduct and Rewards

This poster shows our rules and the rewards and consequences that are used across the school.

Please click below for further information.

Behaviour and Discipline Policy including Consistent Behaviour Policy



What is the school's attendance policy?



Attendance

- Our target for attendance is 100%
- Students with good attendance make more progress
- If attendance drops below 95% a letter of concern will be sent home.
- If a child has a day off in September they are much more likely to have attendance issues during secondary school

Why does KES think attendance is so important?



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Attendance

- Attendance of 95% by the end of Y11 is equivalent to losing 3 months of schooling
- Attendance of 90% is equivalent to losing 6 months of schooling
- Attendance of 80% is equivalent to losing one year of schooling

What should I do if my child is ill?



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- If your child is ill please contact school as soon as possible.
- If your child has not arrived by 9.30am you will get a text message.

How does the school communicate with parents?



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Edulink is the main method of communication between home and school

Info you will find on your Edulink App

- Attendance data
- Timetable information
- Behaviour and reward points
- Catering account
- Key student details and information
- Homework
- Collection of information
- Forms for trips etc.
- Sharing of reports

Further information and how to guide



When will I get to meet my child's teachers and will I receive school reports?



- Settling in Parents' Evening (held in September) is an opportunity for parents and children to meet with the Form Tutor
- Parents' Evening (held in May of Y7) appointments with each subject teacher

Reports on progress are published three times a year and will report on attitudes to learning and homework.

However, you can access up-to-date information on your child's behaviour, attendance, punctuality and homework every day on Edulink.

Where can I find information about the school uniform?

Our Uniform supplier is Pinders

Please use the links below to get more information on our uniform policy (including PE kit) and how to order it.

Dress Code Pinders Website





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What are the options for School Dinners?



- School operates a cashless catering system
- Students pay for their food using a biometric thumb pattern
- Parents will receive information about how to top up via parent pay
- Students can top up their account with cash in school
- A variety of hot and cold food is available or students are welcome to bring a packed lunch



What equipment will my child need for school?



Equipment

- Bag (large enough to hold an A4 folder)
- Pencil case pen, pencil and ruler
- Planner (provided by school on first day in September MUST be brought to school every day)
- PE Kit on days when you have PE
- Calculator available at school for £7.95



Where can students keep their things?





Lockers

- Lockers are available. We do not have enough lockers for everyone but Y7 are given first choice.
- You will be given a locker and a key if you return the form and bring in a £5 deposit
- You will get the form for the lockers when you start at King Ecgbert in September

Key Dates



- At the moment we are not able to give key dates as we are following government advice and have to wait for further information on schools reopening and social distancing.
- Updated information will be put on our website in the transition section.

How will the school get information about the new Y7s?



- Even though schools are shut, we are in contact with all our feeder schools to get the information we need to prepare for next year.
- We are have also sent out data collection booklets to all our families. Please complete these and return them by post to school so that we can contact you when we need to.

Coming soon!



We are preparing more information for you online and it will be available over the next few weeks. This will include:-

- An interactive virtual tour of the school
- A lockdown video message from some Y7 students
- An on-line information booklet for children and families
- Frequently Asked Questions for SEN and the Integrated Resource
- Further questions and answers
- Key dates and information about induction



Although this year's transition will be very different to every other year, we will do everything we can to make the change as smooth and easy as possible.

We are very excited about meeting our new students and look forward to seeing you soon.

Ms Smith and Miss Machin