

Useful Information for Parents/Carers of Year 7 students

The Autumn Term will begin on **Monday 6th September 2021**. New Year 7 Students are expected to be on the School site and in the playground by 8.20am.

The First Day

Students should come to School with a well stocked pencil case for their lessons with items listed below.

Sharpened Pencils	Ruler	Metal Compass	Scissors
Glue Stick	Protractor	Eraser	Highlighters
Pencil Sharpener	Writing Pens/Biro's (Black, Blue, Red, Purple, Green)		

For Mathematics – students will need to have a Geometry set and a Calculator. The calculator should be one of the following: Casio FX-83GTX ClassWiz Scientific Calculator (suitable for KS3, acceptable for KS4) **OR** Casio FX-991EX ClassWiz Advanced Scientific Calculator (suitable for KS3, 4 & 5). The Casio FX-991EX will be available to buy from the school at a competitive rate on ParentPay from September.

Dictionaries for Languages - additionally, students will need to purchase either a French or a Spanish dictionary once their allocated language is known (this is normally once they have received their timetable at the beginning of the academic year).

If Latin is the language allocated for your son to study when he joins our School, you may wish to purchase a Collin's Latin dictionary, but this is not compulsory. Language allocations will be communicated to parents via email in April/May time.

PE/Games Kit

Students will need to bring with them their Games kit as listed below every Friday for their Games lesson:

House Rugby Shirt	Outdoor Trainers / Rugby Boots
Rugby Shorts	Gum Shields (please see Opro leaflet)
Rugby Socks	WCGS Water Proof Top (optional)

In addition to weekly Games on a Friday, each student will have 'core PE' lessons – referred to on their timetable as 'gy'. It is advisable that in the first week of term students bring in to school a WCGS rugby top (Blue and Yellow stripes), PE shorts, white socks, clean trainers & studded boots (so students are not required to bring in all of their kit but should be prepared for being indoors or outdoors). Please refer to the Sport, PE & Games Kit Information on this website for further information.

Uniform Expectations for Year 7 – Year 11

- School Blazer
- White shirt (long or short sleeves) tucked into trousers
- School tie - tie must cover all shirt buttons
- Top button done up
- Leather black polished shoes
- Charcoal grey trousers
- Navy V-neck school jumper
- Black or grey socks
- Black leather belt (optional)
- No jewellery, except a watch (except for religious purposes)
- Dark plain outdoor coat (optional, but no hoodies or denim)
- Hair- business like, not touching the collar
- Clean shaven (except for religious purposes which have been supported by a letter to the Headmaster from the appropriate recognised Religious Leader)

Absence

If your son is ill it is important that you inform the School on each day of his absence. You will need to inform the School as soon as possible; but preferably before 8.00am. This should be done via the completion of a Student Absence Reporting Form on the Wallington County Grammar School website. If you call the school on telephone number 0208 647 2235, the automated voicemail will give you instruction of what to do.

On his return to school, a note must be given to his Form Tutor explaining the nature of his illness. If your son is suffering from sickness or diarrhoea, he should not return to school until 24 hours after the symptoms stopped.

Please make appointments with doctors, dentists etc. out of school time. A note should be brought to school three days before the appointment and shown to his Form Tutor and a copy given to Student Services. Parent/Carers should note that Students who need to attend a doctor or dental appointment in School time should be collected from School by a parent/carer.

Should your son be ill in school then he should go straight to Student Services who will contact you should he be deemed ill enough to go home. **Students are not to contact parents/carers by personal mobile phone before they visit Student Services to report that they are unwell.** Mobile Phones must be switched off at all times and should only be used under the guidance or with the permission of a member of staff.

Contact Books

These are issued yearly. They serve as homework diaries and a means of contact between home and school. The book contains many blank pages, which may be used for messages to parents / carers from staff and vice-versa. It is the responsibility of the students to show these messages and obtain a signature for each. Parents / carers are asked to sign the books on a weekly basis, checking that

homework has been recorded; information on commendations awarded and detentions given can also be found in the book. Students must carry their contact books at all times. New books will be issued at the beginning of each year. Students will be expected to pay for the replacement of any book lost or defaced (£4.00).

Home/School Agreement

A Home/School agreement will be given to every student near the beginning of the academic year. This document should be taken home, read and signed by both student and parent and then returned to the school.

Cafe Menu, prices and allergen information

Information regarding our school cafe menu, prices and allergen information can be found in the Parents/Carers Information of the school website.

Lunchtime

The School café provides healthy breakfasts, morning break snacks and midday meals for which parents pay through 'Parent Pay' and students choose through our cashless catering, biometric system. Students may alternatively bring a packed lunch which should be eaten in the Café.

Students in years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 are not allowed to leave the premises during the day and it is not possible for students to go home for lunch because of the short lunch break.

House System

Wallington County Grammar School has a long-standing 'House' system and each student will be allocated to one of our 6 houses when they join the school. More information about the 'Houses' and their history is available to read on the Wallington County Grammar School website.

Your son's 'House' allocation will be communicated to you via email. You will need this information before you can purchase house-specific items of PE or Sports kit.

Representing the School

Students are expected to place the School as a first priority when selected for extra curricular activities. It is an honour to represent the School and attendance at practices and School fixtures is required. At the beginning of both the Rugby (September) and the Cricket (March) seasons, attendance at practices is compulsory for all students.

School Trips in Year 7

A huge number of trips for Year 7 Students are run every year. Highlights from previous years include:

- A Food Tour of London's China Town
- The Harry Potter Experience
- Participating in the National Theatre's 'New Views' Project
- Visiting the Horniman Museum
- Visiting the Natural History Museum
- Visiting the Picasso Exhibition
- Visiting the Science Museum
- The Great North Trip to Durham and York
- Visiting London Zoo
- Taking part in the Young Voices concert at the O2 arena
- Watching Cats at the Epsom Playhouse

Care of Possessions

All clothes and kit **MUST** be clearly marked with your son's name and the markings renewed regularly. Students must use their 'Valuables Bag' (see uniform list) which must be handed into a member of staff before each Games/PE lesson or hand in valuable items to a member of staff before each Games/PE lesson. Inexpensive watches only may be worn. Mobile telephones are welcome in school but must be switched off at all times. Any that are seen to be used inappropriately will be confiscated. The School takes no responsibility for any technological device and will not investigate any loss.

Interviews / Meetings

Parents/carers have the opportunity to meet members of staff at Parents' Evening. These are held annually.

The main point of contact is your son's Form Tutor once your son joins our school, especially if you wish to give information about home circumstances. The Admissions Officer will then no longer be a valid contact for you.

Parents are reminded that should they wish to make an appointment to speak to the school in person about specific circumstances, they should contact their son's Year Leader through the main WCGS email system – enquiries@wcgs.foliotrust.uk (which is the School's general email address) and mark their email with the name of their son's Year Leader.

Wallington County Grammar School Policies

School policies and key documents are available via the About Us section of the school website.

It is the parents/carers responsibility to ensure they are familiar with School policies. Policies can

change and be updated and parents/carers should ensure they are familiar with the contents of the School's policies.

The School Calendar

The School Calendar and Term Dates can be found by visiting the About Us, Term Dates section of the school website.

Insurance

The School has an insurance policy which covers accidental injury sustained during all school activities. Details are available on request.

Disclaimer

The School is not responsible for the loss of any articles by pupils. Named items of lost property will be returned to their owners where possible. Unnamed items are disposed of at Second Hand Uniform Sales or are donated to charity at the end of each term.