



A Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to our Transition Newsletter that has been specially created to help you have the best start possible at Stafford Manor High School! We are all really excited for you to start with us in September.

There is a dedicated area "New Admissions" page on our website which contains all the information you need! I hope you will have the chance to look at the 'Who's Who' at Stafford Manor High School, which is a booklet which introduces some key staff. There are also some videos on our website for you to have a look at and these introduce more of our fantastic staff and answers some of the questions you may have. Throughout the Summer Term we will be providing further information and activities that will help you prepare for your start in September.

I hope you enjoy the Newsletter and please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at school if you have any more questions. Take care!

Mr Lycett

First Day Arrangements

On your first day, you will meet at the main school reception and staff members will be waiting on the veranda to greet you. The first day of the Autumn Term for Year 7 students is still to be confirmed.

Times of the Day

8.45 – 9.00	Breakfast Club (Not compulsory – but free for all!)
9.00 – 10.00	Tutor time
10.00 – 11.00	Lesson 1
11.00 – 11.20	Lesson 2
11.20 – 12.20	Break time
12.20 – 1.20	Lesson 3
1.20 – 2.00	Lesson 4
2.00 – 3.00	Lunchtime (See the sample menu on page 4!)
3.00 – 4.00	Lesson 5
	Extra Curricular Activities (See later for the activities available)

A map of the school and example timetable is also provided for you to get a little more familiar with things!



What should I bring on my first day?

- Obviously, remember to wear your new uniform!
- Super 7 (This is explained later in the Newsletter)
- A break time snack and water bottle
- A packed lunch if you are not having a hot meal
- Make sure your Parent Pay account has been topped up if necessary
- You will **not** need to bring your PE kit on the first day!



School Uniform

Uniform can be purchased from:

Crested Schoolwear, Gaolgate Street, Stafford or online
<https://www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk/>

Blazer – black with SMHS logo

PE Top – black and red sports top with SMHS logo

School Tie – black/red stripes

In addition to this you will also need:

Black trousers – these must be standard school trousers, no leggings or jeans

Black skirt – must be knee length and worn with black opaque tights

Footwear – sensible all black footwear, preferably shoes, with no coloured logos, markings or laces

Socks/tights – black

Shirt – white with collar. Shirt must be tucked in.

Plain Black V-Neck Jumper – May be worn under the blazer but must not come below the length of the blazer and cannot be worn as an alternative to the blazer.

PE Kit

Compulsory items for PE:

PE Top – black with red sports top with SMHS logo

Indoor shorts – plain black

Outdoor tracksuit bottoms or sports leggings - plain black

Suitable Sports Trainers – with a non-marking sole



Further items for PE include:

PE Hoodie – these are available through Crested Schoolwear and particularly useful through the winter.

Football boots and socks – not essential, but these may be useful for football and rugby

Gum shield – not essential, but available for £1 from the PE office if children enjoy rugby

Attendance and Behaviour



Good punctuality and attendance is a valuable habit.

8:20am School gates are open.

8:35am All students should be on school site

8:40am All students should be waiting at their dedicated line up location or ready for tutor time or assembly

We always ask students to aim for 100% attendance, the absolute minimum expectation is to be in school for 96% of the time. If your child is ill and cannot attend school one day, then please contact the Attendance Co-ordinator on the school telephone number before 8.45am.

The staff at SMHS will always be ready to guide and support students and parents if there are difficulties with punctuality and attendance. There is more guidance about the school term dates and term time holidays on the school website.

Our school policies for attendance, behaviour and other relevant aspects of school life can be found in the 'parents' tab on our [school website](#).

Parent Pay & Free School Meals

We are a totally cashless school and we use a system called Parent Pay. You will receive a letter in the post with a username and password.



Please keep this safe!

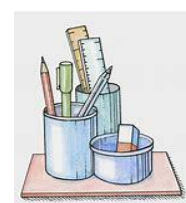
To use the canteen, students will have their thumbprint taken on the first day. If you decide to opt out of the thumbprint option then your child will receive a code to use to purchase their food.

If your child is eligible for free school meals, their account will be credited daily so they can purchase food from the canteen. If you are currently not registered for free school meals, and feel you may be entitled to apply then all the information can be found at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals.

Super 7

It is very important that you come to school equipped with some basic essentials. They are as follows:

School bag **Blue or Black Pen (a spare is also useful!)**
Pencil **Eraser**
Ruler **Reading Book**



Any homework that is due to be handed in that day

You may also bring other items including coloured pens or pencil crayons if you wish.

Mobile Phones

We do allow our students to bring mobile phones to school but they must be used sensibly and they are the student's responsibility to look after. Please be aware that we cannot be responsible for any damage, loss or theft of mobile phones or other technology brought to school. Mobile phones **must** be turned off before tutor and before the lessons. Students seen using a mobile phone in a lesson will have to hand it in until the end of the day.

Our simple reminder for mobile phones is - See it, hear it, lose it!

What subjects will I study at SMHS?

English	History	French	Performing Arts
Maths	Geography	Design Technology	Computing
Science	PE	Art and Design	Philosophy and Ethics

Social and Emotional Learning

You will be provided with a Transition Workbook with lots of activities to complete over the summer holiday for each of the subjects you will study. This provides a great introduction to each subject and will help prepare you for September. More information about each subject can also be found in the 'Curriculum' and 'Learning Resources' pages of our website.

What extra-curricular activities could I join?

Some examples of extra-curricular activities we do at SMHS are:

Student Council	French Club	Science Club	DT Club
Football Club	Netball Club	Keyboard Club	Art Club
Drama Club	IT Club	Gardening Club	Debating Club

We always encourage our pupils to get involved and try something new!

School Canteen

The school canteen offers a wide selection of food and drinks at break and lunch time. Students can mix and match between hot dinners and sandwiches. Just make sure that your ParentPay account has been topped up.

Examples:



Lunch time:

Meal deal (includes a main meal and a dessert) £2:34

(Sausage & Mash, Roast dinner, fish and chips, various types of curry, cottage pie, lasagne, pasta

All come with sides/veg)



Desserts:

Apple crumble, sponge and custard, pineapple upside down cake, muffins, cookies, strudels, sticky toffee pudding. (Prices vary)

Grab and go food examples:

Pizza £1:50 (Meat Pizza £1.65)

Hot wraps £1.90

Burgers £1.80

Jacket potatoes with one filling £1.80

Sandwiches £1.55

Cold Wraps £1.55

Filled salad box £1.90

Filled Panini £1.80

Cheese and Onion Pasty £1.60

Pasta and Sauce £2.10



Drinks

Yazoo Milkshakes £1.25

Juiceburst £1.10

Water 50p

Radnor fizz (sparkling cherry, tropical, apple etc) £1.05

Viva milk Cartons 55p

Slush 70p regular; £1.20 large



Prices correct- April 2021

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Lots of information can be found on our website <https://www.staffordmanorhighschool.com/>