

BRIDGEWATER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

WELCOME BOOKLET 2025



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WELCOME

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Year 6 students,

Welcome to your new high school! As you embark on this exciting journey, we are thrilled to have you join our community, where kindness, pride, integrity, collaboration, precision, and inclusivity are at the heart of everything we do. Our school is a place where every student is valued and supported, and we believe that by embracing these core values, you will not only achieve academic excellence but also grow into compassionate and responsible individuals. We are committed to providing a nurturing environment where you can explore your passions, develop your skills, and create lasting friendships.

As you transition into this new chapter, remember that you are not alone. Our dedicated teachers and staff are here to guide you every step of the way. We encourage you to take pride in your achievements, show kindness to others, act with integrity, work collaboratively, strive for precision in your studies, and celebrate the diverse and inclusive community that we are proud to be a part of. Together, we will make your first year at Bridgewater a memorable and rewarding experience. Welcome to our high school family!

Mr Powell, Principal



KEY DATES:

Transition days:

Wed 2nd July

Thurs 3rd July

Transition evening (for parents/carers):

Thurs 3rd July

Starting date:

Weds 3rd Sept



Key Information

Your Head of Year
is Mrs Mitchell



Times of the School Day

Tutorial (with your form)	8.40am - 9.05am
Lesson 1	9.10am - 10.10am
Lesson 2	10.10am - 11.05am
Break	11.05am - 11.25am
Lesson 3	11.30am - 12.30pm
Lunch	12.30pm - 1.10pm
Lesson 4	1.10pm - 2.10pm
Lesson 5	2.10pm - 3.10pm



Example Timetable

	Tut	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5
Monday	7BA 96 BA	7a/En1b 63 BA	7a/Gg1 94 KS	7a/En1b 92 AJ	7a/Re1 105 PG	7a/Ma1c 77 LCN
Tuesday	7BA 96 BA	7a/En1b 63 BA	7a/Ma1c 92 LCN	7a/Gg1 94 KS	7a/Da1 99 KA1	7a/Mu1 100 TE
Wednesday	7BA 96 BA	7a/Hi1 79 KBR	7a/It2 72 DAS	7a/Sc1 88 JPB	7a/Fr1 96 RG	7a/En1b 61 BA
Thursday	7BA 96 BA	7a/Pe4 108 SZM	7a/Te4 68 TL	7a/Sc1 88 JPB	7a/Fd4 64 JMC	7a/Ma1c 81 DD2
Friday	7BA 96 BA	7a/Sc1 88 JPB	7a/Fr1 96 RG	7a/Fr1 96 RG	7a/Ar1 101 JR	7a/Ma1c 81 DD2

Be aware that we have a WEEK A/WEEK B timetable which means that your lessons in the next week may be in a different order.

It is vital that you are properly organised in terms of what week we are on and what lessons you have that day so that you bring in the correct books/equipment.

Tips

The top code is the name of the class.

The number underneath is the room the lesson is in.

The letters below these are the initials of the teacher.

SUBJECT KEY:

It = Information Technology

Ar = Art

Sc = Science

Re = Religious Education

Ma = Maths

Pe = Physical Education

Mu = Music

Fr = French

En = English

Dr = Drama

Gg = Geography

Te = Technology

Hi = History

Da = Dance

School Uniform

One of the different things about moving to secondary school is the change in what you will wear. At Bridgewater, we pride ourselves in looking smart and professional at all times. Below is a picture of how we expect our students to dress.

OUR UNIFORM



Our Values

KINDNESS

PRIDE

COLLABORATION

INTEGRITY

INCLUSIVITY

PRECISION

image of students in PE kits here



We expect all of our students to live by these values in their day-to-life at Bridgewater. Start trying to learn them now!



Hear it from those who know best...

This is what previous year 7 students have said about Bridgewater!

What are *you* looking forward to the most?

Don't worry about getting lost or confused because everyone at Bridgewater High School is very kind and helpful and wouldn't hesitate to help.

Tomass N

The food is really nice here. The sports are fun and challenging. The teachers are really helpful if you get stuck with anything.

Henry L

I've really enjoyed starting year 7 at BHS. I've made new friends and really like the subjects. Science is my favourite. All the teachers are really kind.

Ella C

I was nervous to start at Bridgewater, but on the first day I made an amazing friend group. The teachers are lovely and the work is really interesting! Trust me, you'll love it.

Islie W

At first I was so nervous about not knowing where to go but everyone has been so caring and helpful and I made some new friends.

Mia P

High school is great and the teachers are lovely. It's exciting learning many new things that I never thought of in primary.

Nathaniel P

Bridgewater High School is a brilliant high school! You'll love it here! All the teachers are so understanding and kind!

Holly A

Starting BHS has been a positive experience for me. I have become more independent/organised. Being in different classes has been great for making new friends.

Eliza B

Satchel One

- * Homework is set to support your learning.
- * It will include a range of different methods including completing tasks, taking part in quizzes, research tasks and revision.
- * All homework is recorded on Satchel One (this used to be known as Show My Homework).
- * You will log in with your school email address and password.
- * You can check your homework in the Satchel One app or online.
- * The Satchel One homework will tell you everything you need to know including when/how to hand it in.
- * Here's an example:

Planning a Myth and apostrophes
7a/En2b

Description
Insights
Assess

Mrs J. Moules set this assignment for group 7a/En2b - English

Set on Mon 03 Feb
Due on Wed 05 Feb

Task description

Use the planning sheet attached to plan your Myth

Revise the apostrophe rule:

- Find the owner
- Add an apostrophe
- Add s if there isn't one

Other information

- This homework will take approximately 45 minutes
- Mrs J. Moules would like you to hand in this homework in class

Resources to help you

DOCX
Planning_to_succeed.docx
Download

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

We know that right now, you are probably feeling a mix of nerves and excitement about starting at Bridgewater. Don't worry – so is everyone else! We know that you will have a lot of questions about your new school so we have answered some of the most common ones here.

Will I keep getting lost?

The school will feel much bigger than you are used to at first and you will now have to move from room to room for each lesson BUT very quickly you will get your head around the layout of the buildings and teachers/other pupils are always there to help at first!

But will I get in trouble for being late?

Not at all at first. Your teachers will understand that you are still just trying to find your way around. After a few weeks though, we will expect that you will know your way around (you will!).

Will I get lots of homework?

Even though we do try to spread homework out evenly, the amount you get can vary from day-to-day depending on what kind of lesson you had. You should not expect much more than an

...hour per day. You can always speak to your form tutor if you are struggling.

Will the work be much more difficult?

Again this will vary: Sometimes you will be taught brand new skills, sometimes you will be remembering knowledge from primary school, and sometimes building on this much further with more difficult challenges. Do remember that we are here to make you work hard and think hard! If you feel like you are not coping though, your teachers are always there to help.

Why is there an Upper and Lower school?

We are a big school! We have over 1,500 pupils in total. To keep you safe, we make sure that we do not have too many pupils on one site as the corridors would become too crowded for example. There are lots of advantages to a "split-site" school and we're sure you will feel very safe when you start on Lower with just Y7 and Y8 pupils.

Can I choose which classes I'm in?

Unfortunately not. We do ask if there are any friends you would really like to

...have in your form but can't promise that we can always sort this. Also you may be in different classes for different subjects (some are in sets). You will make lots of new friends so try not to worry!

How do I get rewarded for working hard?

There are lots of different ways you can get rewarded at Bridgewater: rewards trips, certificates, emails home etc. but most of these are built around **Lesson Scores**. Every pupil starts each lesson on a 2 (Good) but those who engage even more with the lesson are given 1s and the 1s will eventually lead to the opportunity for rewards such as trips. Your parents/carers can see these scores every day so can praise you at home too! We also send email postcards home for pupils with 1s who then get nominated by their teacher.

Don't forget that your score can go the other way though and will pull your average down. If you get a 4 or 5, you will be on detention *that day*.



 BRIDGEWATER HIGH SCHOOL LEARNING WITH PRIDE AND JOY LESSON SCORES HOW WERE YOU IN TODAY'S LESSON?				
1. Excellent	2. Good	3. Unsatisfactory	4. Unacceptable	5. Study Support
• THIS COULD BE ONE OR MORE OF: • Consistently excellent effort • Presentation of work is of a high standard • Many valuable spoken contributions • Showing initiative in extending work • An excellent piece of homework handed in • Helping others' learning	• THIS LOOKS LIKE: • Following instructions • Listening well • Allowing others to learn • Producing a pleasing amount of work • Contributing to the lesson • Completing homework to a pleasing standard • Correct uniform	• THIS COULD BE ONE OR MORE OF: • Disrupting the learning of others • Poor uniform • Missing equipment • Late to lesson without good reason	• THIS COULD BE ONE OR MORE OF: • Refusal to engage with the work given • Continually disrupting the learning of others • Use of <u>mobile phone</u> without permission • Rudeness or insolence • Use of discriminatory or sexualised language • Any other serious offence	• THIS COULD BE ONE OR MORE OF: • Poor engagement with the lesson • Poor completion of tasks • Poor/non-completion of homework

Extra-curricular Activities

Don't forget that outside of the classroom we have plenty of activities for you to get involved in. These include sports and arts clubs, opportunities to receive support with your work and a wide variety of other activities! Start thinking what you would want to get involved in...! (You can see our list of enrichment activities on our website under **Our School** then **Personal Development/Enrichment/Trips**

