



Thomas Mills High School Year 7 Induction Evening 2021 Wednesday 8th September

Welcome to the Year 7 Induction
Evening for Parents 2021.

We hope you find the evening
informative and useful.



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We, the staff, pupils and governors of Thomas Mills High School, regard the following twelve values as central to our purpose :

- 1. A love of learning for its own sake*
- 2. Vigour and optimism in embracing the future*
- 3. The intrinsic virtue of persistent hard work*
- 4. Acceptance of personal responsibility*
- 5. Equal value accorded to all persons*
- 6. Courtesy, self-discipline and respect for others*
- 7. A determination to achieve excellence in all we do*
- 8. Honesty, moral courage and integrity*
- 9. Good fellowship*
- 10. Service to others*
- 11. Leadership and enterprise*
- 12. Respect for the traditions and the achievements of the school*



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- Thank you for patience and understanding with the transition process
- New Intake Booklet 2021/22
- On-line admissions form and other administration
- Five Worries:
 - ✓ Buses
 - ✓ Getting lost and losing things
 - ✓ Homework and new subjects
 - ✓ Equipment
 - ✓ The First Day
 - ✓ Making friends
- The Logbook & Sources of Support



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Curriculum

- The school has chosen to follow the National Curriculum
- Each week has 30 periods
- Pupils will be moving rooms for lessons
- Pupils will typically be taught by 15 teachers
- Experienced support for pupils with additional needs



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The National Curriculum in Years 7 and 8

2 Year Key Stage 3

Core Subjects:

- English (4 Periods)
- Mathematics (4)
- Science (3)

Taught
in sets



What will be on a Year 7
timetable?

Foundation Subjects:

- Art (2)
- Design Technology (2)
- Drama (1)
- French (2)
- German (2)
- Geography (2)
- History (2)
- Music (2)
- Physical Education (3)
- Religious Studies (1)

Cross Curricular Delivery:

- Citizenship
- R.S.H.E.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities:

Wide range of different
clubs and activities,
mainly at lunchtime



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Accelerated Reader

- Reading for pleasure
- Wider range of books both Fiction and Non-fiction
- Studies show that regular reading can boost GCSE results
- All pupils will take an online test to estimate their reading age
- Pupils are guided to books in the correct classification for their reading age
- Quick online quiz at the end to test your child's understanding of the book
- One Accelerated Reader lesson per week in Year 7 and tutor time

Dyslexia Screening

- Test completed early in Y7
- Gives a probability but is not a formal diagnosis
- Parents will be contacted if testing shows a high probability of dyslexia



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CAT4 Testing

- Currently undertaking these tests
- Verbal, Quantitative, Non-Verbal and Spatial reasoning
- Will be used to guide teachers on pupil needs and for target setting
- Will contribute towards Maths and Science Sets

Maths and Dyscalculia Screening

- Testing completed early in Y7
- Maths testing used alongside CAT4 to set for Maths and Science
- Dyscalculia screening gives a probability but is not a formal diagnosis
- Those with a high probability will be given additional support by the maths department.



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Thomas Mills Scale

- Continuous scale from Year 7 to Year 11

Targets

- All pupils will have targets set based upon the CAT tests they are currently undertaking and national data
- Targets will be for the end of Key Stage 3 as a range of grades
- At Key Stage 3 we will report how their attainment compares with their target grade.

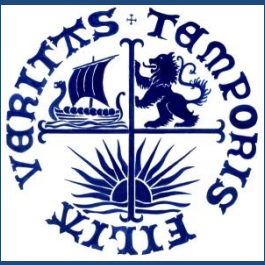
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F+	3+	6+	9+
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1	4	7	
1+	4+	7+	
2-	5-	8-	
2	5	8	
2+	5+	8+	



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The 2021 INTAKE!

- 172 Pupils
- From over 30 different schools
- 14 individual pupils are coming as the only one or two from their previous school
- Pupils have been sorted into SIX tutor groups
- These groups will be used in some lessons



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The Year 7 Tutor Groups for 2021

- Mr Brown worked tirelessly at ensuring everyone was able to be with one familiar face.
- These are used for registration in the morning.
- There are 29 or 30 students in each Tutor Group
- Will probably remain the same through to the end of Year 11
- These groups are attached to one of the houses and will be the base for inter-house competitions and events
- Please encourage your children to be positive about the new groups



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The Tutors:

- Miss Crisp (Science)
7JCp
- Mr Simpkin-Betts (English)
7JSi
- Mr Everett (Maths)
7SEv
- Miss Skayman (English)
7ESk
- Miss Smith-Howell (Geography)
7ZSm
- Miss Millband (Computing)
7MMi



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The Role of the Tutor:

- The first link between school and home, through use of the logbook or email/telephone if needed.
- To get to know the pupils well as individuals.
- To talk to the pupils about school related issues, (homework, behaviour, attendance etc.)



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Tutor time activities:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Something topical	Numeracy Ninjas	Silent Reading & Log book signing	Assembly	News Quiz



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The Year 7 Groups for 2021

Teaching Groups:

- Some lessons are taught in tutor groups.
- Some lessons are different from the tutor groups, although there will naturally be some overlap such as ICT and DT etc.
- In Maths and Science the pupils will be grouped based on assessment.



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Peer Mentoring:

This is a support system based upon older pupils offering support to the younger ones.

The mentors are from the Sixth Form and are given training in helping with school based issues.



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School Uniform:

- Thank you for all your assistance in getting the students uniform. They are looking really smart, and long may it continue!



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Thank you

- Thank you for trusting us with educating your children. We look forward to working with you, to enable them to achieve their potential.