

WELCOME TO WALTON HIGH SCHOOL



VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING
15TH OCTOBER 2020

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I am delighted to invite you to our virtual Open Evening Programme at Walton High School launching on Monday, 5th October through to Thursday, 15th October 2020.



The programme will be as follows:

Monday, 5th October	Introduction to virtual Open Evening programme
Wednesday, 7th October	Virtual tour of the school
Friday, 9th October	Virtual introduction to SEND at Walton
Monday, 12th October	Virtual introduction to our Catering Team
Wednesday, 14th October	Departmental introductions
Thursday, 15th October	Live Webinar with Q & A at 6.30 pm (join via this link or via website)

We hope that we shall be able to provide you with all the information about Walton over the next two weeks. If you have any specific questions please, in the first instance, use our Q & A on the evening of our webinar.

Following this, please email: transition@walton.staffs.sch.uk

THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Parents should be aware that Walton High School works in accordance with Staffordshire County Council over all admissions. Please be aware that officers of the County Council will determine which students will be offered a place for September 2021. Should you have any queries relating to the admission of your son/daughter to Walton High School, please contact Staffordshire County Council admissions department on 0300 111 8007

You are reminded that the closing date for admissions to our Year 7 in September 2021 is 31st October 2020.

TRANSITION PROCESS

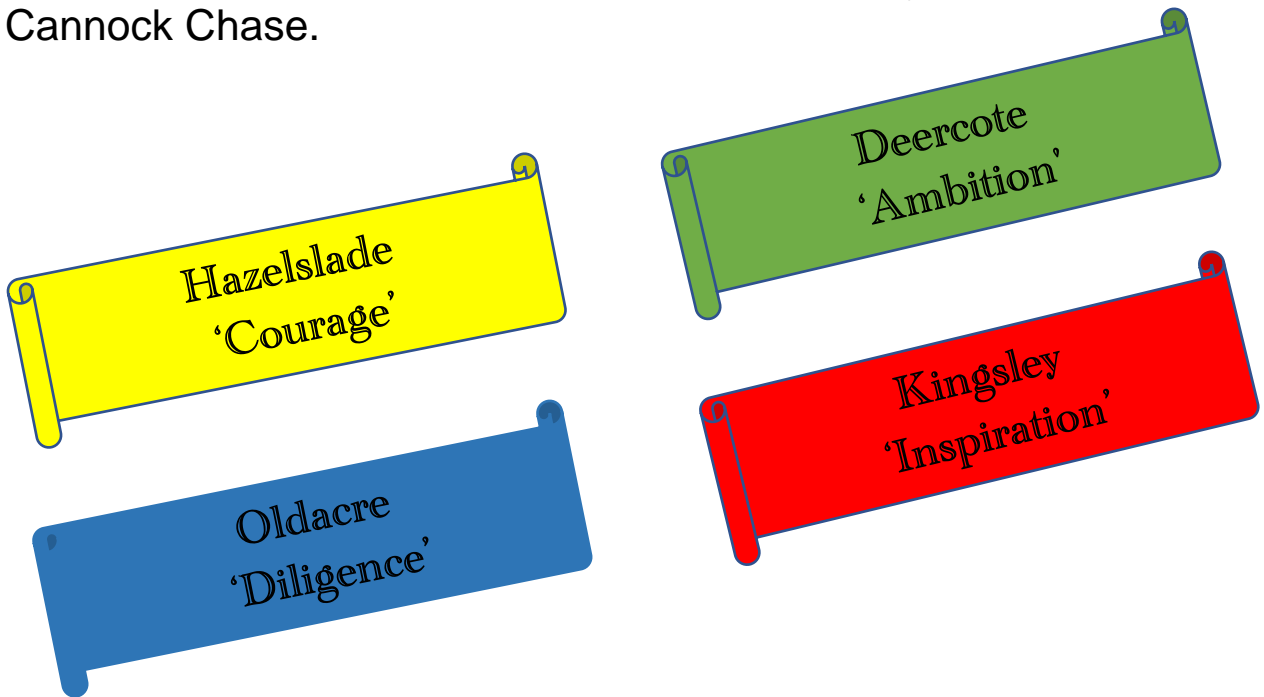
In order to facilitate a smooth transfer to secondary school for the students, liaison between Walton High School and its feeder primary schools is ongoing throughout the school year. Information relating to academic performance as well as balancing groupings are considered before formulating mixed ability tutor groups.

All students are given the opportunity to spend an induction day at Walton in the summer term and on the first day of the new term in September the Year 7s are the only students who are in school. This is to ensure that they are able to settle in more quickly.

On their first day of term Year 7 students will spend a third of the time with their tutor in order to establish relationships in the group, go through school procedures and discuss any concerns.

HOUSE SYSTEM

Walton High School has an established House system. The four House names are based on tracks, pathways or areas of Cannock Chase.



All students are affiliated to a House in Year 7 and remain in the same House throughout their school career.

Our rationale is a belief that students will gain a sense of belonging and that 'family values' can be endorsed. We want to provide students with a caring and supportive environment where each child is valued. Further to this is the belief that students need their understanding of respect, consideration and courtesy to be consistently reinforced.



SIMS PARENT

In addition to our reporting cycle parents are given the opportunity to join our Sims Parent where they can access their child's "live" information e.g. attendance, punctuality, emergency contact details etc as well as accessing PDF copies of their termly reports.

SCHOOL E-MAIL AND TEXT SERVICE

These are used to communicate group, year, house or whole school messages.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES

Walton High School supports children with special educational needs and disabilities in line with the requirements of the SEND Code of Practice 2014. Full details of our approach to meeting the additional learning needs of students are given in the SEN Information Report, published on the school website.

We endeavour to achieve maximum inclusion for all students, whilst meeting their individual needs. Teachers provide differentiated learning opportunities for students to ensure access to the school curriculum. Where children are underachieving and/or identified as having special educational needs, the school provides for these additional needs in a variety of ways and might use a combination of these approaches to address the needs identified for individual learners.

The SENDCO liaises with teachers and SENDCOs in our pyramid schools to prepare for the smooth transfer of Year six pupils to Walton High School. Where it is thought appropriate, enhanced transition programmes can be arranged for individual or small groups of students.

Our SENDCO is Miss J Byrne.

CURRICULUM

Throughout Year 7 students will study subjects as determined by the National Curriculum. These are listed below with their allocated number of lessons:

Mathematics	4 lessons	Music	2 lesson
MFL	3 lessons	English	4 lessons
Art	2 lessons	RE	1 lesson
History	2 lessons	PE	2 lessons
Technology	3 lessons	Geography	2 lessons
Science	4 lessons	IT	1 lesson

Total = 30 lessons per week

For the most part subjects are taught in mixed ability groups throughout the year. The exceptions to this are Science which teaches within broad bands of ability from the beginning of the year, and Mathematics which teaches within ability sets based on their Key Stage Two results, an internal assessment and information provided by the feeder school, also from the beginning of the year.

REPORTING

Throughout each school year Walton High School will report to parents the following academic progress in each subject

- An end of year expected level of performance negotiated between the teacher and student based on prior achievement and/or baseline assessments
- A termly current level of performance
- Termly grades on their child's Effort, Homework and Behaviour
- Strategies to help pupils improve (where appropriate)

There will be a full annual written report with summative comments and strategies to improve from subject teachers, tutors and Heads of House.

Parents will also have an opportunity to discuss progress with individual subject teachers at an annual consultation evening.

UNIFORM

Walton High School requests that all parents support the school over its policy on school uniform. A full copy of the uniform requirements is available from school but parents should be aware that a plain black blazer, complete with the school badge, appropriate to the student's affiliated house, is part of our uniform for all students.

KEY INFORMATION

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Assistant Headteachers:	Mrs A Cashmore Mrs J Pearce Mr M Hodby Dr I Stec
Transition Co-ordinator:	Mrs N Turner
Executive Business Manager:	Mr M Phillips

Many thanks for reading this document and viewing our Open Evening films. We hope that you have enjoyed viewing our departments and seeing our students demonstrate sample activities they may do in school.

We trust you have had all your questions answered whilst viewing the various materials, however, if you would like to discuss anything further please contact us directly on 01785 334917.