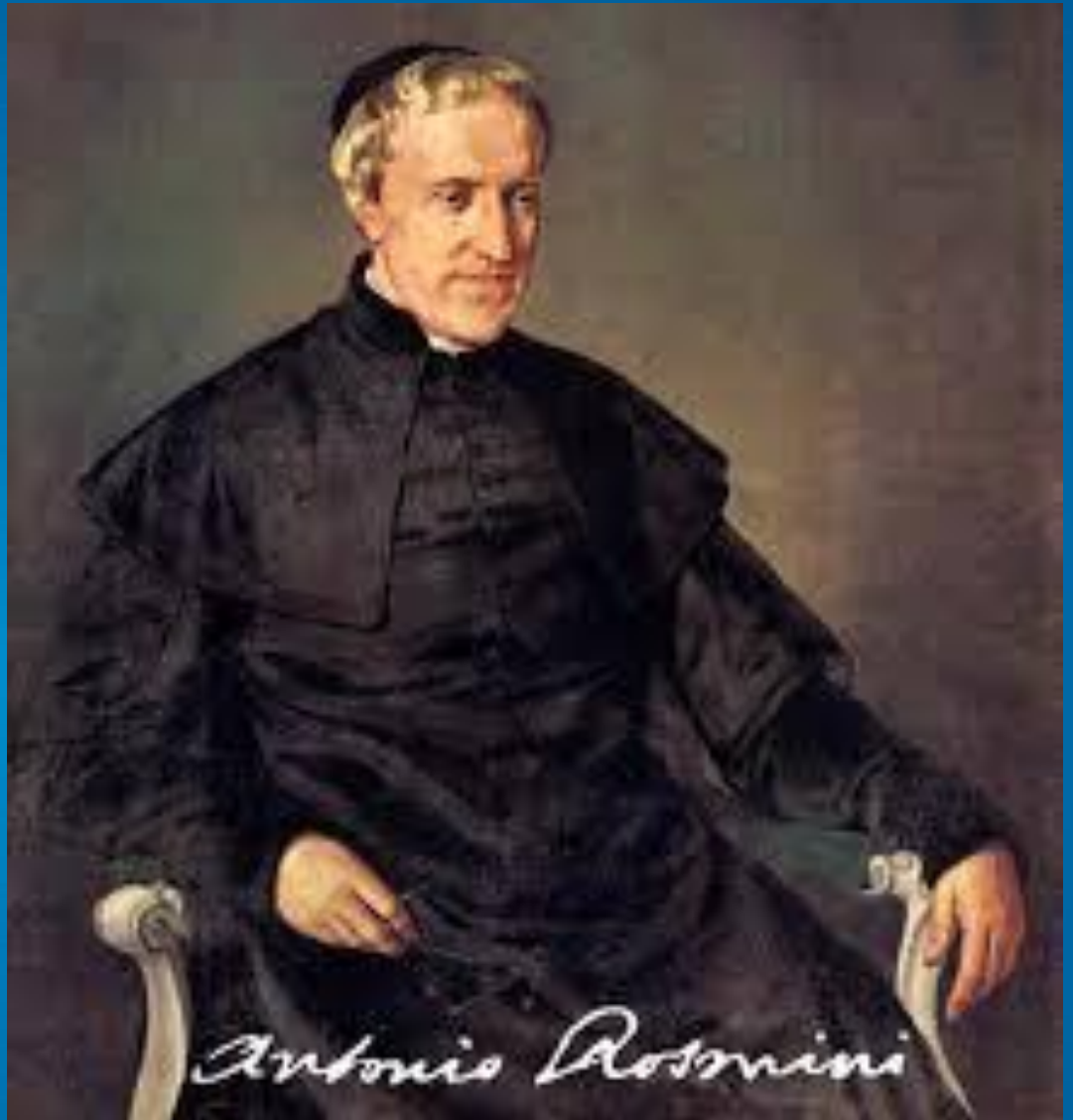


Information Evening for Parents New to the Senior School



Thursday 19th June 2025

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Lord,

We ask you to bless our hearts, as we gather here together.

Compassion, forgiveness and kindness, we treasure.

Let us learn and grow and accept our flaws

As we remember that love is the fulfilment of the law.

We pray for Antonio Rosmini, our blessed school founder;

For the community spirit and the love we encounter.

We show gratitude to you, O Lord, and we warmly acknowledge:

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Amen

Blessed Antonio Rosmini

Pray for us

Evening Programme

- **Welcome** from Mr Reddin, Headmaster
- **Chaplaincy** at Ratcliffe – Miss Frances Daw, School Lay Chaplain
- **Boarding, Pastoral Care & Safeguarding** at Ratcliffe – Mr Rainer, Deputy Head Pastoral

Sixth Form Parents and Students leave with Mr Harrison, Assistant Head: Head of Sixth Form, for a separate presentation in the Sixth Form Centre

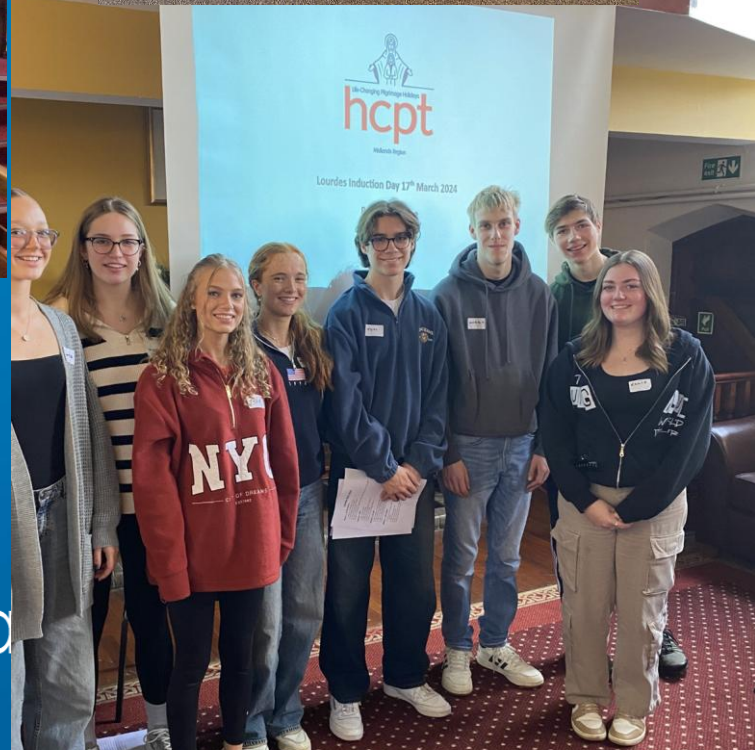
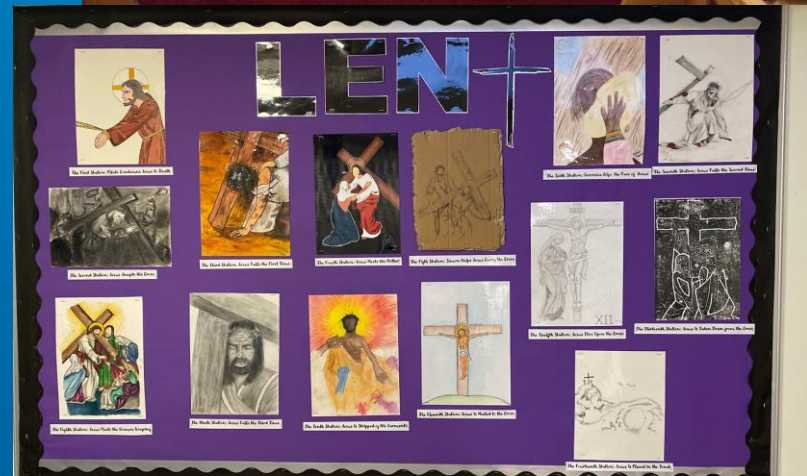
- **Everyday Life at Ratcliffe College** – Mr Rainer, Deputy Head Pastoral

Years 8 -10 Parents and Students to leave with Mr Ryce, Senior Deputy Head, and the Heads of Year for the chance to ask any questions informally

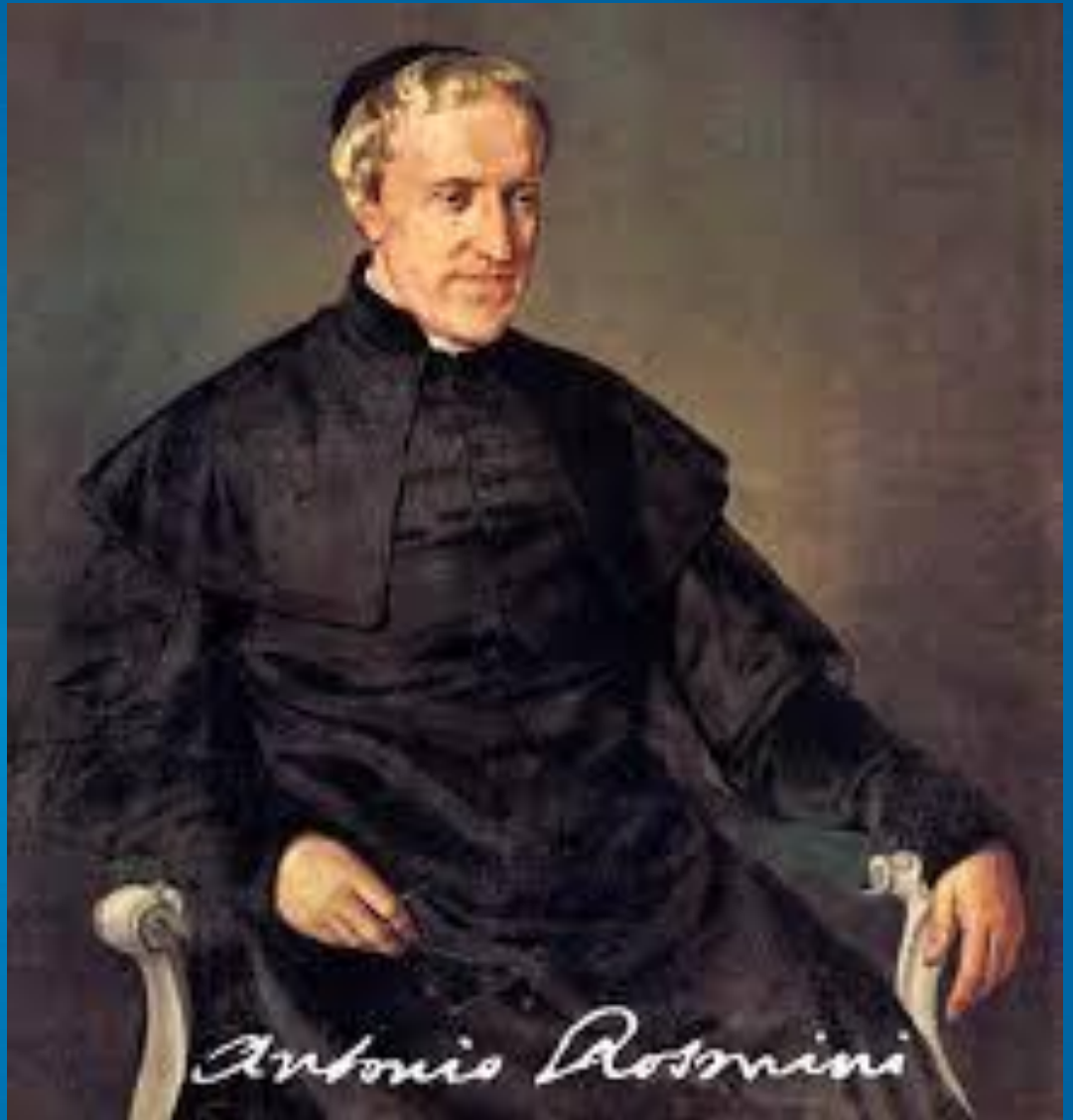
- **Year 7 Transition** – Ms Davis, Assistant Head Academic, Miss Lewis, Head of Year 7, and Year 7 Students



Chaplaincy



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Student Support Services

Need someone to talk to? Are you worried about a loved one? Does something just not feel right?
Speak to any of the Safeguarding Team (DDSLs), about anything, at anytime.



Mrs L Battrum
Head of Year 7
EBattrum@ratcliffecollege.com



Mr J Masterton
Designated Safeguarding Lead
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Miss A Corbinzolu
Head of Year 10
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Mrs C Craven
Student Wellbeing Coordinator
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Frances Daw
Lay Chaplain
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Mr B Harrison
Assistant Head, Head of Sixth Form
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Mrs H Grant
Sixth Form Student Support Manager
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Mr J Rainer
Deputy Head Pastoral
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Mrs L Webster
Senior Housemistress
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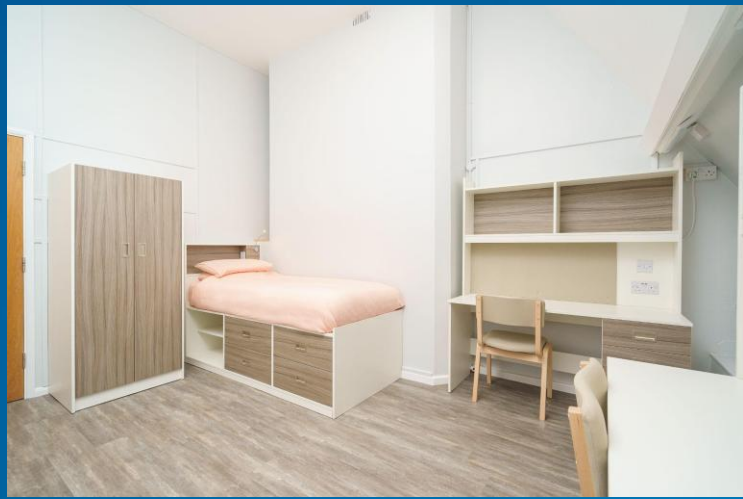
You can also contact the helplines below.



Pastoral Care *First Ports of Call*

Tutor
(**academic/pastoral**)
or Medical Department
then
Head of Department
(**academic**) or
Head of Year
(**pastoral**)

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Boarding



Personal Social, Health & Citizenship Education, RSE, Careers

- Fortnightly sessions
- Tutor-group based
- Supported by External Speakers and Parent Cafes
- Three curriculum blocks – *Wellio, 10:10, Careers*

What is the school day like?

Registration: 8.25am
(absences@ratcliffecollege.com)

Tutor Time/Assembly/Celebration of the Word: until 9.00am

Lessons 1 & 2: 9:05am – 11.00am

Breaktime: Social spaces or Refectory – bring £1.

Lessons 3 & 4: 11.20am – 1.15pm

What is the school day like?

Lunchtime: Activities and the lunch rota (special diets: gstudd@ratcliffecollege.com)
(Thursday School detention)

Lessons 5 & 6: 2.15pm – 4.10pm

Tea time (Collection Point 1): 4.10pm – 4.40pm,
snack in the Refectory

Prep / Co-Curricular: 4:40pm – 6:10pm (Friday
School detention until 5.20pm)

Collection Point 2 = 5.20pm

Collection Point 3 = 6.10pm

Buses leave 6.20pm

Attendance



Why Attendance Matters

- Attendance above 95% is closely linked to academic success

Authorised Absence Only

- Illness, communicated to absences@ e-mail address or your child's tutor.
- Pre-approved exceptional circumstances (via the Headmaster), which includes religious observance

Punctuality is Crucial

- School starts at **8.25am**: being on time supports learning and routines – it is a habit for life.

Working Together

- Contact **Form Tutor or Head of Year** if you need support

Sixth Form depart with Mr Harrison



Uniform Suppliers

- **School uniform via SchoolBlazer**
www.schoolblazer.com
- **School PE kit via PlayerLayer**
www.playerlayer.com



schoolblazer

School Uniform and Appearance

The purpose of our uniform and appearance policy...

- It fosters a supportive environment and a sense of community identity, so that all are accepted, valued and understood.
- It encourages our students to develop habits for life.

- **Shoes** – traditional shoes, leather, logo free, no appearance of a trainer
- **Hair – boys** = neat, above the collar; **girls** = worn down or up, tied up during specific activities
- **Jewellery, Make-up, Nails** = discrete.

Personal Property

- **Lockers** – we are a 'Bagless' School. Use the lockers. Lock the lockers!
- **Sports bags** – must be placed in the bag racks, taken home after PE and Games
- **Lost property** – collected and stored centrally.
- **Phones** – never seen, used or heard. Friday Detention and confiscation if used. Phones can be left at Main Reception.

Reward & Sanction

“I value a thousand times more a drop of morality than an ocean of human knowledge.”

Blessed Antonio Rosmini

- **Reward** – Credits, Merits, Head of Year Commendation, Headmaster’s Commendation
- **Sanction** – Crosses, Demerits, School Detention, Saturday Detention

Communication

- Reward & Sanction –
*Class Charts app,
linked to your e-mail*
- Regular & Routine –
Parents' App
- Personal –
Email and Telephone

Student Planner and Prep

- Record all prep in the student planner
- Check Google Classroom for details and resources
- 2–3 pieces of prep each night
- Year 7: approx. 20 minutes per piece moving to
Year 10: approx. 30 minutes per piece
- Supervised Prep available, Monday to Friday,
4.40pm – 6.10pm
- Parents should sign the planner weekly
- No prep set in holidays for Years 7 & 8
- Instead: Read regularly, using Sparx Reader

Mr Rainer's takeaways...

"First time, every time."

"Pens, planners, prep."

*"I'm polite to you, you're polite
to me."*

Years 8, 9 & 10 Parents depart with Mr Ryce and Heads of Year



Year 7 Transition Programme and Pastoral Support

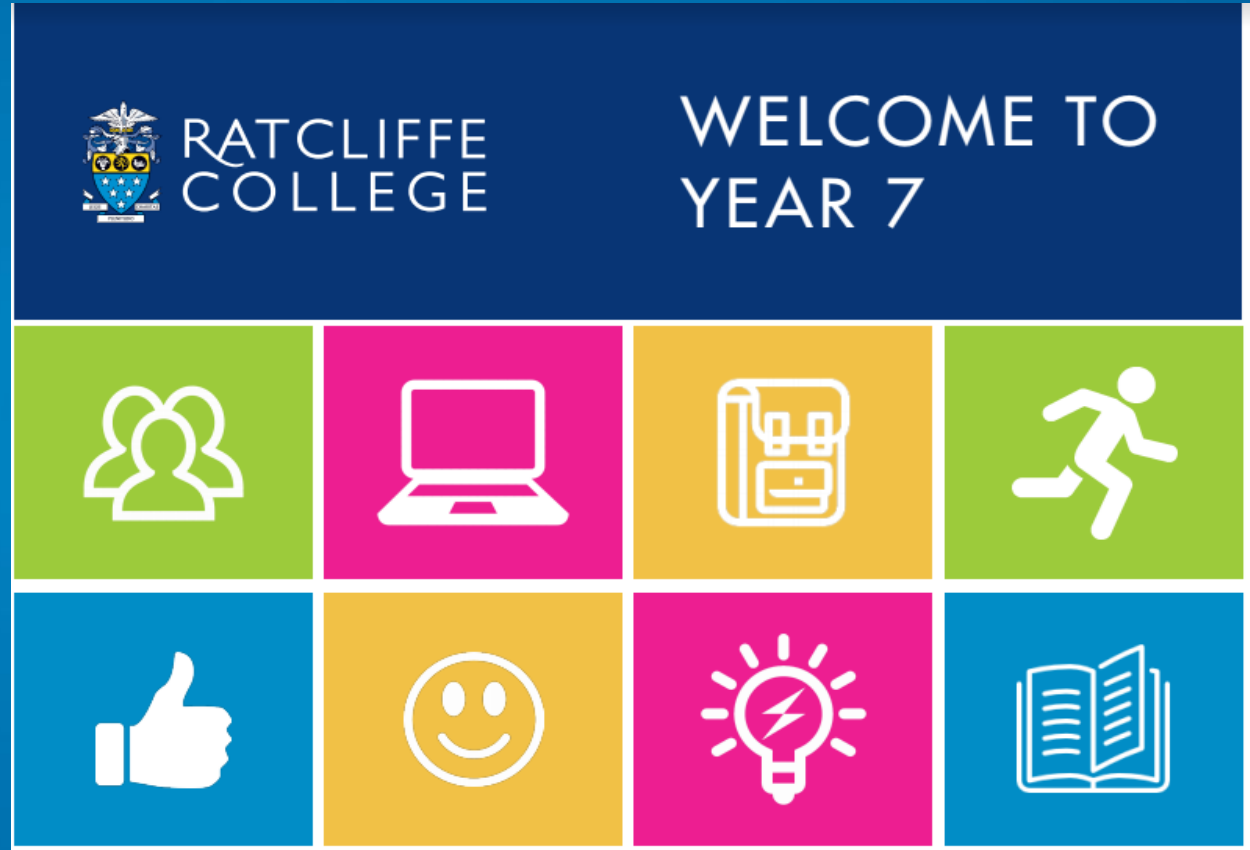
Ms J Davis

Assistant Head
Academic

Miss M Lewis

Head of Year 7

(KS2 > KS3 Transition)



Year 7 Transition

- ✓ **Transition Day – Thursday 3rd July** – meet new tutor groups and staff
- ✓ 'Meet Someone New, Try Something New'
- ✓ **Transition Tasks: Summer Reading** and Mini Review

Transition Day – Thursday 3rd July 2025

'Let's meet someone new'

New Students:

- Arrive at 8.30pm – Chapel
- Comfortable clothes and footwear
- Water Bottle
- Collect students from 4.00pm –

Main Reception



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'Let's try something new'

Prep school students:

Go to Prep school as usual.

Year 6 teachers will escort students over to chapel.

Pick up will be as normal.

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Year 7 Induction Day

Friday 29th August 2025

- Arrival: By 8.30am at the Chapel
- Meals: Break, lunch, and a BBQ tea are provided
- Dress: Full school uniform and bring Games Kit
- Also bring:
 - A water bottle and mid-morning snack
 - A pencil case with basic stationery
- Pick-up: From the Parents' Drinks Reception at 4.30pm

TRANSITION DAY in July

"I liked that we got to know people and make new friends."

"We were very active and got to work as a team."

INDUCTION DAY in August (Year 7 only):

"I liked how we all got to experience something exciting and new together."

"The day introduced us to our form rooms, our locker rooms and some of our new teachers, this was helpful as I'd only looked around Ratcliffe once."

Mental Health Training

Treasure Hunt

Meet someone new
Try something new

Co-Curricular Fair
and clubs

Google
Classroom &
e-safety

House Meetings

Year Group
assemblies

Transition First 4 Programme

Sixth Form Prefects and Buddies

Samaritan Listeners

Growth Mindset

Wellbeing and
Medical Briefing

BRIARS
RETREAT

"It was a time to make new friends with people who you didn't think you could be friends with."

"As a new student, it was fun and inclusive."

Prep for Learning
and Learning
Support

Survey

PSHCE



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The Briars Residential October

(3 days/2 nights - teaching
groups)



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Our Year 7 Students: Transition

Demi, Anay & Martha

Reporting on Progress Learning

Studies Grades – Progress and Attitude to Learning

Friday 17 October (ATL) Friday 12 December

Friday 4 April Tuesday 24 June

Parent Teacher Meetings

Tuesday 11 November (face to face) / Thursday 11 June (online)

End of Year – Progress and Attainment Review

Tuesday 23 June

Our Year 7 Students: Lessons and Learning

Demi, Anay & Martha

Co-Curricular Activities ~ Get involved!

- Variety of opportunities exist for all
- Must do at least one additional activity per week
- Lunchtime, Prep time and weekends
- **'Big 6'** – Sport, Music, Drama, CCF, DofE, Chaplaincy ...and many, many others!



Our Year 7 Students: Co-Curricular

Demi, Anay & Martha

Thank you, We look forward to welcoming you in August!

For questions, please see Miss Lewis, Ms Davis, talk with our Year 7 Ambassadors and read through your Parent Handbook
(to be sent at the end of the Summer Term).

Please join us for refreshments.