



# William Hulme's Grammar School

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## Getting Started in Year 7



2024-2025

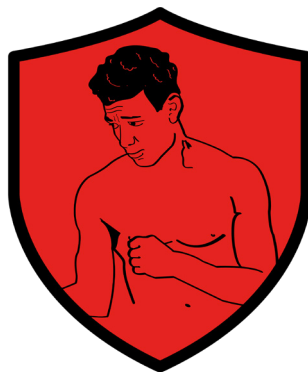


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# Welcome from the Year 7 Team

We are delighted that you are now part of our school and hope that this booklet will help answer some of your questions. Our link with parents and carers is very strong and we pride ourselves on putting the needs of students first.

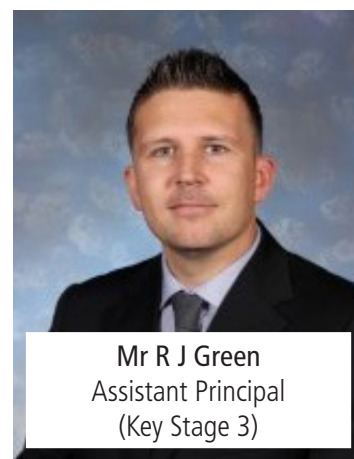
You will have a Head of Year and two Assistant Heads of Year 7, whom you will meet on your Induction Day, along with the Assistant Principal (KS3).

There are seven Form Tutors for Year 7 and you will meet them too on the Induction Day.

The four School Houses at William Hulme's are: Bell, Johnson, Pankhurst and Turing. Each House is named after an influential Mancunian. Every student belongs to one of the Houses. Students are very proud to belong to their House and all inter-House competitions are keenly contested.

The Head of Year 7 and your Form Tutor are staff you will get to know well.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at school if you have any concerns.



## Year 7 Transition Team

## Contact Details

The academy's address is:



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Spring Bridge Road  
Manchester M16 8PR

Telephone number:



(0161) 226 2054

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[enquiries@whgs-academy.org](mailto:enquiries@whgs-academy.org)

Website address:



[www.whgs-academy.org.uk](http://www.whgs-academy.org.uk)

# Books and Equipment

The school supplies all text books and exercise books. All you need to get is a notebook and a small English Dictionary - The Little Oxford Dictionary or the Collins English Dictionary are recommended.

We expect all students to have the basic minimum equipment needed in school:

- Pencil Case
- 2 x Black Pens (Not Blue)
- 2 x Purple Pens
- 2 x Red Pens
- 2 x Pencils
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Scientific Calculator
- Geometry Set



You will need a school bag/rucksack sturdy enough to carry books for four lessons - avoid very large bags.

## Personal Belongings

Pens and pencils and the other items you may need to use in lessons are often mislaid in the first few weeks. You need to look after all your property, even the smallest items. It is so easy to lose small things in your hurry to get to your next lesson. Do not bring expensive or expensive-looking items to school.

If your belongings are clearly labelled with your name, then if it is lost and found, it is easier to return it to its owner. Unfortunately, many items are not named and, therefore, never find their original owners. Most losses are due to carelessness and haste in the first few weeks.

**So please make sure that every item that you bring to school has your name marked clearly on it in an obvious place.**

## Mobile Phones - Expectations

**Mobile phones must not be used (for any purpose) at any time during the school day. If they are seen by a member of staff then they will be confiscated and a parent/carer will have to collect it.**



# Uniform



The purpose of our school uniform is to ensure that students are able to present themselves in a smart manner with a degree of commonality. We aim to maintain a high standard of dress at all times and expect uniform to be worn smartly (e.g. ties tied and worn correctly, shirts tucked in, skirt at knee length, etc.).

Items carrying the school logo should be purchased from Monkhouse.

Please do not be tempted to buy from any other supplier as this will be old/incorrect uniform that will not be accepted as new Year 7 uniform (introduced from September 2023). **Scan the QR code to visit Monkhouse.**



All students must wear the following items of uniform that best fits with the gender they identify with. This will be kept under review.

- School blazer with WHGS logo
- Plain white button-up shirt
- WHGS logo tie
- Black formal trousers (not 'skinny' style) or
- Black skirt (knee length)
- Plain black tights or
- Black/grey socks
- Plain black shoes
- Black V-neck long sleeve jumper
- Headscarves worn for religious reasons should be plain and navy blue or black

NB. All clothing and equipment must be clearly marked with the owner's name.

## PE Kit

The PE kit can be ordered from SWi Sportswear. **Scan the QR code to visit SWi Sportswear.**



### Compulsory Clothing Items

- APTUS navy blue T-shirt with school logo (unisex or girl style option)
- APTUS navy blue shorts
- APTUS navy blue training pants or
- APTUS navy blue WHGS leggings
- Navy sports socks (short)
- Non-marking trainers
- Football boots (moulded - Astro and Field use)
- Football socks (long)
- Navy blue, quarter-zip training top with school logo from the APTUS range (optional for boys or girls)

NB. Pumps/Plimsolls are not suitable for Sport

### Equipment

- Shin pads (compulsory for football and hockey)
- Mouth guard (compulsory for rugby)

**Once you have bought each item of kit, or uniform, or anything else for school, please name it clearly.**

# Daily School Routine

A successful career in any establishment depends largely on getting used to a fixed order of doing things. Some people find this very easy, but others find it harder to organise, especially if they have been used to having others do everything for them.

Try and get into a routine early on - you will get plenty of help and guidance in the early stages.



A typical day goes something like this:

8.05am–8.30am	Arrive at school
8.30am–9.00am	AM Registration
9.30am–10.15am	Period 1
10.15am–10.35am	Morning Break
10.35am–11.50am	Period 2
11.50am–1.05pm	Period 3
1.05pm–1.55pm	Lunch Break
1.55pm–3.10pm	Period 4
3.10pm–4.10pm	Extra-curricular

It is possible to buy a snack in the Canteen at break, but you must not still be eating in the Canteen or elsewhere after the bell has gone at 8.30am, 10.35am or 1.55pm. You must have money on your cashless catering account to buy food in the Canteen.

## Attendance and Punctuality

In order to do well at school, it is essential that you attend regularly and achieve a good record of attendance. If your attendance drops below 96%, your attainment will be affected and it may become difficult to keep up with the progress of the rest of your year group. We expect every student to aim for 100% attendance.



# Your First Day (Wednesday 4 September 2024)

## What time should I arrive?

Between 8.05am and 8.30am but **no later than 8.30am.**

## Where should I come in?

By the main gate off Spring Bridge Road – follow the signs.

## Where will I go then?

To the Year 7 Zone (Netball Courts).

## Who will meet me?

The Year 7 Team.

## What should I expect to do on the first teaching day?

- My Form Tutor will give me my planner and timetable
- My Form Tutor will check I have the correct uniform
- I will learn a number of school routines
- I will be sure I know the fire alarm/evacuation procedures
- I will have my first lessons at William Hulme's

## What will I need to bring?

Pencil case, containing pen, pencil, ruler and notebook.

## What happens at lunchtime?

You will need to bring a packed lunch or have money on your account to purchase a school dinner.

## What shall I do if I'm not sure where to go?

- Ask a member of staff
- Go to the Head of Year Office
- Ask an older student or a prefect

## What shall I do if I'm worried about anything?

- Speak to your Form Tutor when you next see him/her.
- Speak to the Head of Year 7 or Assistant Heads of Year 7.

If it's very urgent or you don't feel well, you should:

- Tell the Teacher who is teaching you.
- Or go to First Aid Room or Head of Year Office.

# The William Hulme's Way

It is our expectation that students will follow the William Hulme's Way.

William Hulme's is a friendly, multicultural community that prides itself on producing fully rounded, successful and active members of the community. This is achieved through hard work, in and out of the classroom, and our emphasis on ambition, respect and compassion.

## Ambition Charter

I will:

1. Show **pride** in everything I do.
2. Be **enthusiastic** and say 'yes' to opportunities that come my way.
3. Show **resilience** by adapting to overcome obstacles.
4. Show **determination**, embracing failure and learning from my mistakes.
5. **Challenge** myself and step out of my comfort zone.



## Respect Charter

I will:

1. **Speak** with respect.
2. Respect the **school environment**.
3. **Behave** with respect.
4. Respect **other students' learning**.
5. Respect my **own learning**.



## Compassion Charter

I will:

1. Be **kind** to everyone, including myself.
2. Be **inclusive**, understand, celebrate and embrace diversity.
3. Show **empathy**, by being open to other's points of view.
4. **Challenge** behaviour that I feel is unkind or morally wrong.
5. Be **generous** and help others within the school and local community.



# Education with Character

The school is a 'hive of activity' that provides many opportunities and experiences for students to develop all the skills necessary to become fully rounded, successful and active members of the community. We expect all of our students to get fully involved and strive to do their best in all aspects of school life:

## 1 Extra-Curricular Activities

These activities allow you to pursue interests, learn new skills outside of the classroom and enable you to meet new people.

## 2 Student Leadership

By taking a role of responsibility such as a Prefect, Mentor, School Ambassador or House Captain, you will be able to help to maintain the school as a harmonious, welcoming and friendly environment where all students are able to achieve.

## 3 Competition

Take part in a range of House and inter-school competitions to help to motivate you to perform under pressure and excel, to gain substantial experience, showcase skills and uncover natural abilities.

## 4 Student Voice

Take part in school discussions such as in student council meetings and as House leaders so that you can influence decisions that will help to make the school a harmonious, welcoming and friendly environment where all students are able to achieve.

## 5 Social Action

Take part in charity fundraising, raising awareness of causes and volunteering to help others to create positive change, show support and develop compassion, courage and empathy.

## 6 Careers Advice

Take part positively and enthusiastically in work experience and discussions in PSHE lessons and career meetings to become engaged with the world of work which will help you to make informed decisions about your future careers.

## 7 Trips/Residential

Take part in one of the numerous educational trips that the school provides such as Activity Week programmes, field trips or residentials. School trips can reinforce your learning from the classroom as well as provide opportunities and experiences that you may otherwise not have experienced.

## Biometric Cashless Catering

We use a biometric cashless catering system, using finger scan identification to prevent fraudulent use. Parents/carers need to give specific consent for their child(ren)'s biometric data to be used for the above purpose.

### Prices

Main Meal Deal - includes up to 3 items    £2.40

Mini Meal Deal - includes 2 items            £1.75

A variety of other choices are available each day and priced accordingly

## ParentPay

The school uses ParentPay for payments. It is an online, secure, payments service which can be accessed from PCs and mobile devices at any convenient time.

A ParentPay account is created for each child, and accounts for different children, even if they are in different schools, and can be amalgamated easily into one account. Account activation details are sent out when a child is enrolled at school, or on request.

## Free School Meals

You need to complete a fresh application for any child entering Year 7 in the new academic year, irrespective of any previous entitlement.



You will need to make a new application for each child but your information will be remembered to help you to complete multiple applications quickly.

**Scan the QR code to start your application for Free School Meals.**

## Policies and Important Documentation

All new students are required to read and agree to our Acceptable Use of ICT Resources and School Code of Practice (Home/School Agreement at the start of the academic year. This will be completed on their first day at school.



There are also useful policies and information on Data Protection, that parents/carers are advised to read, which can be found on the school's website. **Scan the QR codes to view the Policies and Data Protection information.**





## Parent/Carer FAQs

You will be invited to an informal New Parents' Introductory and Information Evening early in the Autumn Term to meet your child's form tutor, Head of Year and other parents/carers. This is an opportunity to see how everyone has settled in. A formal parents' evening, when you will be able to talk to subject teachers, is held later in the school year.

### **How do I know how my child is progressing?**

You will be able to see at least three progress reports, which are emailed to your designated InTouch email address. It is, therefore, very important that we have your up-to-date email address. This will keep you regularly informed about how your child is performing across the curriculum.

### **How do I know what homework my child has?**

Each child is given a student planner to record the work which is required to be completed each evening. It is also a useful way for you to contact us at school if there are any problems, and for us to do the same. Please sign it every week on a Friday.

### **How do I report my child's absence due to illness or they have a medical appointment during the school day?**

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, it is essential that you phone school by 8.30am every day of absence, otherwise the Attendance Officer will contact home to find out why your child is not in school.

If your child has a medical appointment during the school day, which cannot be made outside school hours, a note must be sent to your child's form tutor or written in their student planner beforehand, giving the date and time of the appointment.

### **Change of Address or Phone Number**

Please send details of any change of address or contact number(s) to the Admissions Officer ([admissions@whgs-academy.org](mailto:admissions@whgs-academy.org)), informing your child's form tutor as well. Please do not forget to include your child's name and form on all correspondence.

These are the only things which have to be arranged in writing. You may wish to write to the form tutor or Head of Year on other matters, but most problems can be sorted out just as well over the phone.

# Term Dates for the School Year 2024-2025

Autumn Term 2024	
Staff INSET Day	Monday 2 September 2024 (school closed for all students)
Staff Planning Day	Tuesday 3 September 2024 (school closed for all students)
<b>Term starts for all students</b>	<b>Wednesday 4 September 2024</b>
<b>Half Term (school closed for all students)</b>	Monday 21 October – Friday 25 October 2024 inclusive
School re-opens for students	Monday 28 October 2024
Assessment Day	Thursday 5 December 2024 (school closed for all students)
Staff Planning Day	Friday 6 December 2024 (school closed for all students)
<b>Term ends for students</b>	Friday 20 December 2024, 2.00pm finish
Spring Term 2025	
Staff INSET Day	Monday 6 January 2025 (school closed for all students)
<b>Term starts for all students</b>	<b>Tuesday 7 January 2025</b>
<b>Half Term (school closed for all students)</b>	Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February 2025 inclusive
School re-opens for students	Monday 24 February 2025
Staff Planning Day	Monday 31 March 2025 (school closed for all students)
<b>Term ends for students</b>	Friday 4 April 2025, 2.00pm finish
Summer Term 2025	
<b>Term starts for all students</b>	Tuesday 22 April 2025
May Bank Holiday	Monday 5 May 2025 (school closed)
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 26 May 2025 (school closed)
<b>Half Term (school closed for all students)</b>	Tuesday 27 May – Friday 30 May 2025 inclusive
School re-opens for students	Monday 2 June 2025
Staff INSET Day	Friday 4 July 2025 (school closed for all students)
<b>Term ends for students</b>	Friday 18 July 2025, 2.00pm finish
Staff INSET Days	Monday 21 July and Tuesday 22 July 2025

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Monday 2 September 2024  
Monday 6 January 2025  
Friday 4 July 2025  
Monday 21 July 2025  
Tuesday 22 July 2025

## Staff Planning Days

Tuesday 3 September 2024  
Friday 6 December 2024  
Monday 31 March 2025

## Assessment Day

Thursday 5 December 2024