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**Y6 Transition Information Booklet**





## A Message from the Principal

Dear Year 6,

I thought it would be good to make contact with you and introduce myself. As your new Principal from September it is important to me that you feel ready to join us. One of the things on your mind must be the next steps in school. What is happening about your move to SMCC? I can hopefully help you out with this.

You will, by now, all have had your place with us confirmed and we are working on getting everything ready for you. If there is chance of a transition visit before September then that would be good but if this isn't possible then we will use the first few days in September to do the settling in. We are all looking forward to meeting you and making you part of SMCC.

Our transition team will be giving you lots of useful information, tips and guidance over the coming weeks to make the transition process as smooth as possible. This information is important and if you have any questions about any of this process please ask.

All that remains is for me to wish you well, remind you to carry on with your learning and above all keep yourself safe and happy.

Best wishes  
Mr Lewis

## The School Day

Our school day starts at 8:50 and as you will see the day is a little different from most primary schools.

Our days look like this:

**8:50 a.m. registration.** This is done in your tutor group and you will be given messages about important events that are going on in the school.

**8:55 Period 1**

**9:55 Period 2**

**10:55 Break**

**11:15 Period 3**

**12:15 Period 4**

**1:15 Lunch**

**2:05 Tutor time.** You may have assemblies or tutor time activities during this time.

**2:25 Period 5**

**3:25 End of the day.**

Two days a week you will have the option of attending 'homework club' until 4:30 to give you with support with your homework tasks.

## Subjects and Groups

For most of your lessons you will be put into groups which are a mixture of students from different schools. It is really important that you make an effort to get to know the new faces in your classes as they will quickly become your friends.

You will be issued a timetable which covers two weeks. Your timetable will have lots of subjects on it for example: English, Maths, Science, Geography, History, French, Design Technology, Music, Drama, PE, Art and more!

A student timetable can look quite complicated at first but don't worry, you haven't got to learn it!

Just make sure that you know whether it is Week A or Week B and that you are organised by having the right equipment on the right day. Your tutor will be able to help you do this and don't be afraid to ask the mentors and prefects too!

## **Tutor Groups and Houses**

You will be allocated a tutor group (sometimes called a form group) which will have a mixture of students from Y7 to Y10 in it. Each tutor group is part of a House and there are four Houses at SMCC.

Our Houses known by the letters D, G, H and R and the tutor groups are numbered in the Houses. So for example R1 and H5. Each House has a House Head who oversees things and is another person that you can turn to if you need anything.

We are very proud of our House system and there are lots of competitions through the year. Some examples are the inter-house football, athletics, literacy quiz, numeracy challenge, singing competition and much, much more. The competitions are friendly and everyone is encouraged to take part. It is another great way to get to know others and to enjoy new things too.

## **Rewards and Behaviour**

You will have lots of opportunities to get 'commitment points' while you are at school. If your effort, manners and general attitude are good then you will be awarded these points regularly. Your points will go towards certificates and prizes including the 'Principal's Prize' where winners get to take their family or friends on a day out to places like sports events, restaurants or theme parks. The points also count towards House and Tutor Group competitions so getting as many as you can is important.

The behaviour at SMCC is very good and this is something that we are all proud of. It matters a great deal to all of the staff and students that everyone is respectful and polite and this is something that is emphasised by our school ethos of everyone being "Ready, Resilient and Respectful". Issues of poor behaviour are dealt with swiftly and efficiently by teachers and support staff and everyone works together to make sure that everyone feels safe and happy at SMCC.

## **Support at SMCC**

We know that not everyone finds it easy to adapt to secondary school and we have lots of support to help you find your feet.

When you are allocated a tutor group each group will have approximately six Year 7 students in it and there will be older student mentors in each group to help with answering any questions that you have. We also have lots of prefects (who wear purple ties so they can be easily seen) who are there to help students in any way they can.

Your tutor is also someone that you will get to know very well. You will see them at least twice a day and they will be able to support you with your work and any issues that you have.

All of our staff are friendly and approachable and there are always people available to help you, no matter what.

## Uniform

At South Molton Community College we believe that school uniform encourages a sense of belonging, equality and reinforces school identity. Therefore we expect all our students to wear uniform. Our uniform is available from **Daw & Co, Cross Street, Barnstaple** or via their website [www.samdaw.co.uk](http://www.samdaw.co.uk) Opening hours - Monday to Saturday 9am - 5pm Telephone - 01271 342139.

Full details of the school uniform can be found on the SMCC website - policies directory.

## Equipment

There are several pieces of equipment that you will need to make sure that you bring to school for example:

- Black/blue biros/writing pens
- Eraser
- 30cm ruler
- Protractor
- Pencil
- Pencil Sharpener
- Pair of compasses
- Scientific calculator

Also, the following items have been identified by staff as being desirable pieces of equipment that will support your learning.

It is not essential for you to bring them to school, however if you can, they may be of use;

- Green biro
- Glue stick
- Highlighter pens
- Earphones

All of this equipment can be purchased in school using the Gateway app.

## Home Learning

You will be set some work to do at home to support your in school learning. To start with in Year 7 this will not be much and it will mostly be English and Maths work. As time goes on you will be set additional work from most subjects and there is an expectation that all deadlines are met.

Work is set and monitored using Classcharts which is an online homework planner. You will be given a log in and so too will your parents or carers so that they can monitor and support you with your homework. There are after school 'homework club' sessions offered twice a week to provide further in school support with homework too.

## Lunches

You will be able to choose whether to get school lunch or bring in lunch from home. If you choose to get school lunch you will be given a choice of hot or cold food and drinks from the canteen. You do not bring in cash however as anything that you order is paid for using our finger print recognition system and is paid for using the School Gateway App.

## Library

At SMCC we are really passionate about reading because we know that it has a massive impact on your academic achievement, but there are lots of other reasons why reading is important and good for you.

It may a little larger than the one in your current school, with roughly 8,000 books to choose from including all of your favourite fiction (stories) such as David Walliams, Dork Diaries, and the Tom Gates books, but hopefully lots of new books that you'd like to try. We also have many nonfiction (factual) books that can help to support the subjects you study as well as books about your hobbies and interests.

The library at SMCC also has 10 PC's and 10 laptops for you to use. This may be during a lesson if your teacher brings your class to the library, or they are free to use at lunchtime, break times and even after school. Library computers should be used for school work and homework.

There is much more information provided here in a guide to the library which is on the transition pages of the college website.

## Transport

If you live more than 3 miles from school you will be offered a place on one of our school buses. You will be sent a bus pass the week before school starts, it will tell you the time and location that the bus will pick you up each morning. You must have your pass with you at all times- you cannot travel without it!

Buses depart from the front of school at 3.35pm daily. You will soon know where your bus parks each day. Older students and bus prefects on the buses make sure everyone behaves, and you must wear your seat belt for all journeys.

## Further Information

There is much more information about SMCC on our College website

<http://www.smcc.devon.sch.uk/>

Including a section for transition <http://www.smcc.devon.sch.uk/parents/year-6-trans/>

Also we use a series of social media platforms including Facebook and Instagram for regular updates.