

1 September 2023

Dear parents and carers

Welcome to Carrington – What You Need to Know

I hope this letter finds you well and that your young person is looking forward to starting with us on **Monday 4 September**, coming into school for 12:00. The Year 7s will have the school to themselves this first afternoon, spending time with their tutor groups and then attending their period 7 lesson at the end of the day.

Please see below for the key reminders for their first day:

- Students should arrive at school between **11:50-12:00**. They must be in full school uniform and bring their PE kits with them in a separate bag
- We will meet outside the main building and line up in tutor groups before going to their first assembly of the school year
- During the afternoon, we will be setting up with our finger-print system that is used to pay for lunches. We ask that students **brings a packed lunch** with them on this first day to give the system time to transfer their details. *If your young person receives Free School Meals, they will be able to receive a school lunch on this first day*
- Students will finish at the normal time of **15:05** and can either be collected or make their own way home

From **Tuesday 5 September**, the full timetable will commence and students will be expected in school, lined up by the gabiens at **08:30**.

Parent Pay

We have received some questions about the **Parent Pay** accounts and school lockers. 'Parent Pay' is a system that parents and carers will use to pay for school costs, such as lunches, lockers and trips. You will have received an email today with further information about setting up these accounts and will then be able to top-up **lunch money** and pay for them to receive a **locker** from Monday. On Monday, the option to also pay for the upcoming **Bonding Day** will be available and further information about these two areas are below.

Lockers

All students can be allocated a locker once the payment has been received on Parent Pay. Mrs McGrain (Year 7 Hub Coordinator) will be allocating these lockers and will pass the information onto tutors, who will show students where their locker is. *Please be aware that this process can take a few days and they will be able to keep their PE kits in their tutor classrooms until these have been arranged.*

Students will need to provide their own **padlock** and these will need to be of a medium sized.



Bonding Day

All Year 7 students will be attending a **Bonding Day** (at Blacklands Farm in East Grinstead) with the rest of their tutor group, either on Wednesday 13 September or Thursday 14 September. Please see below for the specific days for each tutor groups.

Wednesday 13 September

Barrow
Darwin
Hawking
Seacole

Thursday 14 September

Austen
Nightingale
Turing

This day plays an integral role in the transition of our students into secondary school, providing a unique opportunity for them to bond with their new classmates by taking part in a series of activities such as high-ropes, abseiling and obstacle courses. Further information about these days will be sent next week, but the option to pay for this trip will also appear in your Parent Pay accounts. The cost is **£35 per student** which includes travel to and from the activity centre.

We ask that this payment is made by Friday 8 September. However, if you require any support with this payment then please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Miller or Mrs McGrain to arrange a Payment Plan. (rmiller@carringtonschool.org & emcgrain@carringtonschool.org)

We do hope this information is helpful and we look forward to welcoming your young person to Carrington School on Monday.

Kind regards
Mrs Williams

Ahead of releasing the Clubs Timetable next week, you may want to consider [this information about a new Cheerleading Team](#).

