



Welshpool High School
Ysgol Uwchradd Y Trallwng

Welcome back – September 2021



We hope that you have all had a nice Summer and are looking forward to returning to school on Thursday 2nd September, 2021.

On arrival:

Year 7 will go to the front of the Theatre.

For all other year groups, form lists will be on display around the school.

Staff will meet and greet you on arrival and will help direct you to your venue.



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Teachers will be in their normal teaching rooms, you will be issued with a new timetable for the new academic year.

Food ordering and collection will remain the same as before the Summer break, as will the way we travel around school in order to keep things as safe and efficient as we can.

- Please KEEP LEFT on the corridors as much as you can.
- We will attempt to stagger students leaving lessons, in which case you must proceed DIRECTLY to your next lesson.
- Try to travel using outside routes as much as possible.
- Please treat others with respect and kindness, in particular being mindful of younger students.
- Please help year 7 around the school particularly when directing them to classrooms and venues.

You were all in Year 7 once.....

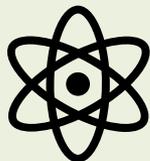


One way systems

The following areas will operate a one-way system, as illustrated/described in the following slides;

Science block-

ENTRANCE (shown) is the door on the LEFT- travel along the bottom corridor, then upstairs if necessary. The stairs nearest this door are for travelling **DOWN**. **EXIT** on the door shown here on the right.



Entrance



Exit

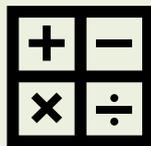


Maths block-

ENTRANCE is the door nearest the car park,

EXIT is the door nearest canteen.

The corridor is one way.



ENTRANCE



Humanities –

The F-Block is one way, with the stairs closest to DLS going
UP-

if you enter from the main entrance you must turn RIGHT.

If you enter from the side door you must go straight upstairs
and follow the one way route until you reach your destination.



English Block

Again this is one way. If entering from outside please use this entrance beside drama, and travel upstairs.

To exit English, travel down the stairs beside the glass wall, into the tech corridor or outside.



The 'D' corridor

This is where the IT rooms are, and is a main trunk route through school. As such it can become very busy. If you can, exit and try to travel outside.

Be mindful of others, keep left, and be sensible!



LUNCHTIME ARRANGEMENTS

You will continue to order lunch in morning form registration as you do now. Venues will still be separate, in two sittings, and are as follows;

Y7 Dance Studio

Y8 Girls Gym

Y9 Boys Gym

Y10 Canteen

Y11 Canteen

* Y11 will be the first sitting, Y10 will be the second sitting.



Social Time

Y7 Area- Dry weather: Muga

Wet; Muga

Y8 Area- Dry weather: Muga

Wet: Muga

Y9 Area- Dry Weather: Tennis Courts

Wet: Muga

Year 10/11 Area- Dry Weather: Field

Wet: Tennis Courts

For years 10 & 11 the areas will be divided into two.

PLEASE respect other people and be sensible.

PLEASE inform a teacher if you have a problem or are worried about anything.

PLEASE don't litter our school.



Toilets

Students will be required to use the toilet blocks as outlined below, please only use facilities in the following areas:

- Y7: English
- Y8: Beside the girls changing rooms
- Y9: Beside the boys changing rooms
- Y10: Portable toilets at the back of school
- Y11: F Block
- Y12: Toilets by the Canteen
- Y13: Toilets by the Theatre

It is vital you WASH YOUR HANDS after using the toilet facilities, and sanitise at every opportunity as you enter and leave different areas.



Toilets

It is VITAL that you respect these areas for everyone's sake, so they can remain open for everyone to use, and respect the hard work of our site team who clean them and keep them tidy for you.

PLEASE DON'T DAMAGE YOUR OWN FACILITIES!

(Please report any damage to a teacher immediately.)



Keeping everyone safe

It is still important to sanitise each time you enter a classroom.

Between lessons, staff will spray antibacterial spray on each desk and chair, and it will be up to you to collect a piece of paper towel and wipe your own work space thoroughly.

Dispose of your paper in the bin please.



Face covering

Operational guidance issued by Welsh government had indicated that the routine use of face covering would no longer be required by pupils or staff in classrooms and around the school building. We had hoped to implement this in a gradual return to normality. However, unfortunately this will not yet be possible and, unless exempt, pupils will need to continue to wear face coverings on school transport, inside the school building, and outside if they are not maintaining a social distance.

We understand that this will come as a disappointment to some, but our plans must be dynamic and positive cases of COVID-19 are increasing in the region, with the Welshpool area currently having some of the highest rates of the virus in Powys. We are taking a cautious approach, and will review our arrangements regularly to keep everyone safe. This means that as the year progresses, the measures we take to mitigate the risk of spreading the virus will likely tighten or relax depending on local rates of infection and our risk management processes.



As we return to more normal operating procedures, help us to ensure our start to a new academic year is filled with positive learning experiences and activities we can all enjoy.

As always, we will keep you updated with any changes to make sure everyone is safe and happy.

Please remember that full uniform is expected for **all** pupils in September. Also, mobile phones should be switched off during school hours. Mr Kinsey sent a letter regarding expectations at the end of the Summer term.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 2nd September.

