



Welshpool High School
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Transition booklet



A guide
to help your
child settle into
High School.

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to our community here at Welshpool High School; we look forward to working with you during the next 5 years and beyond.

In this booklet hopefully all of your questions regarding transition, and the transition days will be answered - and if they're not, there are contact details provided so you can ask us directly.

Your child will have hopefully had a visit from Mrs Forsyth, who has talked them through what to expect on the transition days, and has already answered any questions they may have had.



WHS staff have also spoken to your child's class teacher, to discuss what, if any, support is needed during this transitional period and beyond, both academically and pastorally.





TRANSITION DAYS

This year transition days are Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th July. On these days Y6 pupils will have a taste of high school life. The days will run from **8.55am until 3.30pm**.

Your child has been advised to make themselves aware of where and when the WHS buses pick up near them. Bus companies have been notified to pick up any Y6 children. For those being dropped off, our preferred drop off point is the Flash car park. Students do **NOT** attend primary school first.

This will be a busy time so can we please ask parents not to congregate. Students have been made aware that WHS staff will meet them in front of Theatr Clera, directly front and centre of our building.

On arrival, they will be grouped into forms, and will follow a sample timetable. They should wear their own clothes, something suitable for the weather. They will be led around school, by our current students, and all come back together again for lunch, which will be in two sittings to allow for more efficiency in the canteen. For the day they need to bring a pencil case with basic equipment in, and a refillable water bottle, both in a suitable bag for school.

The students will have a taster session of some subjects from across the curriculum, but mainly from the Health and Wellbeing and Expressive Arts areas of learning, i.e., a choice from PE, music, art, ICT, technology or drama. Some activities are devised in order to provide some experience of moving around school, but all are helping to build their confidence and enthusiasm about joining us in September.

LUNCH

Your child should have been asked by their primary teacher if they wish to book a meal from our canteen. For students attending from a Welsh primary, this will be free using your primary school ParentPay account. Otherwise they should bring a packed lunch.

Details of how to set up a Welshpool High School ParentPay account will be sent to you in September (if you have any problems setting this up, please contact **Mrs Liz Hughes**, whose contact details are included at the end of this letter).

On the morning of the first day in September we set this up, so your child may have a meal from the canteen if they wish, provided appropriate funds are added to the account.

Otherwise please send them with a packed lunch. Free school meals (eFSM) eligible children will access this at high school in exactly the same way as they do now, with credit for a main meal automatically being added to their account each day.

The full menu and price list from Powys will be added to our website once we receive the version for September.

Please be assured we will not knowingly allow any child to go without, so if there are any issues we will aim to sort them at the time for the student, and contact you to resolve any issues.

From September, our newest students have a dedicated area reserved for them to enjoy break time in, so they don't need to negotiate a busy canteen. They will also have lunch earlier than the rest of the school initially, and staff will always be on hand to help them during these times.



STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

When the new term begins, on **Tuesday 2nd September 2025**, the new Y7's will start the day as they did during transition, by meeting in front of the Theatre in order to remind them of their form groupings and to be collected by their form tutors.

We then have an administration morning, so all students remain within their forms with their tutors until break. During this time is when timetables, planners, maps of the school and general instructions for the day are issued. Then, after break, students begin following their timetable and attend lessons.


UNIFORM

Our school uniform, including PE kit, are available to buy from Constructiv clothing-details are included. Please be aware of our uniform requirements and buy accordingly. Constructiv are strongly advising parents to order their uniform in JULY, so there is a cut-off date in place of 25th July to ensure delivery before the start of the new term.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

You will be invited to attend a 'Meet the Form Tutor' evening in September, once your child has experienced their first few weeks in high school. This brief slot allows you to touch base with the form tutor for a general update, will provide you with some information on when you will hear from us more formally, i.e. when reports are issued and full parents evenings take place, or for you to share any additional information you think we need to know.

For anything more serious, or personal, or that you'd like a longer time to chat about, please contact us on office@welshpool-hs.powys.sch.uk to request a longer slot or a separate appointment with either the tutor or Head of Year.



KEEPING IN TOUCH

Planners are also an ideal way to keep in touch in the first instance, as form tutors check and sign these weekly and we ask that you do too. Feel free to write notes in there to pass on any information as appropriate, and keep an eye on what's going on during your child's week. If you still have any questions following the transition day, please contact us on the following addresses to make an appointment to speak to someone.

admissions@welshpool-hs.powys.sch.uk

for general enquiries, questions or to make an appointment

liz.hughes@welshpool-hs.powys.sch.uk

for enquiries specifically regarding ParentPay.

Look out for regular bulletins which are emailed to all parents and carers, sharing achievements and important information.

ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS

Details of any students with ALN will have been transferred during visits to primaries, with Mrs Joanne Baines, our ALNCO, arranging additional visits for several Y6 students to ensure appropriate support is in place. That support may include having a Learning Support Assistant in lessons, or your child being in a specialist group for reading, spelling, maths or English.

If your child has an ALN status, and you need to discuss your child's needs, please contact Mrs Baines on:

jo.baines@welshpool-hs.powys.sch.uk

Finally, it remains only for us to thank you for your continuing support of Welshpool High School, and the staff here are looking forward to supporting your family through your child's secondary school experience.

EQUIPMENT LIST

The following items are essential equipment that students require to have in school every day please from September:

Pens (black or blue)

Pencil

Ruler

Eraser

Calculator

Any books for that day's lessons

Planner (to be issued in September)

Reading book

These items will be required at some point and should ideally be available from September:

Compass

Protractor

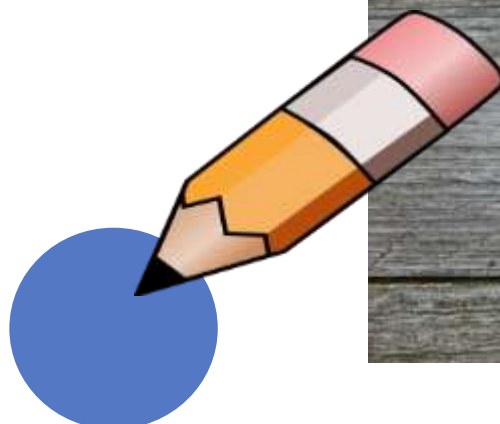
HB Pencils (for art)

French dictionary

Apron (for technology and art)

Red and green pens for marking

Highlighter



WHS SCHOOL UNIFORM

Black FORMAL KNEE LENGTH school skirt, or TAILORED TROUSERS, not canvas, denim, corduroy or fashion trousers (please refer to photographs included for your guidance).

- Grey v-neck jumper (long sleeved or tank top) embroidered with school motif
- Plain white short or long sleeved shirt.
- Black blazer, embroidered with school motif.
- School tie
- Black or charcoal grey socks, or black tights.
- Black shoes (trainers included provided they are all black)
- A dark coloured coat or jacket (not hoodies)
- An apron for Food Technology and Art is required.



WHS SCHOOL UNIFORM

The school are aware of the cost to parents having to purchase separate school shoes and trainers. Therefore, the choice is available for parents/carers as to which they prefer to purchase. However, school footwear must be entirely black. There must be no visible logos (in any colour different to black), on any part of the footwear that is worn.

Please note that sandals, flip flops, redback style boots and variations of these are not permitted as part of the uniform.

Uniforms should not be embellished with any additional fashion items (scarves, belts etc).

We have a range of donated uniform items at school, so please get in touch if we can help with uniform costs.

PLEASE MARK ALL ITEMS WITH THE PUPIL'S NAME

STUDS/BARS HAIR AND FACIAL PIERCINGS

Governors appreciate the inherent danger in studs/bars being worn and so advise that only one stud in each ear will be allowed, but these must be removed for PE lessons because of the increased danger.

No excessive makeup or extremes of hairstyle including tram lines, designs shaved into hair, or unnatural hair colours will be permitted, nor will facial piercings, i.e. lip, nose or eyebrow studs.

MOBILE PHONES

Students are allowed to bring mobile phones for contacting parents before or after the end of the school day, but they must remain switched off and in a school bag during the school day.

The school will not take any responsibility for loss or damage to any mobile phones brought into school. Mobiles will be confiscated if found being used during school hours, they will be taken to reception where they can be collected at the end of the school day. Three confiscations means a parent or carer will have to collect the phone from the school office.

The school takes no responsibility for items lost or damaged in school.

WHS PE KIT

All Students;

- Black and green polo t-shirt
- Black shorts (these must be plain and of an appropriate length)
- Black football socks for football and hockey
- White sports socks (girls only)
- Trainers

Optional Items:

- Reversible Black/Green rugby top (Optional for Autumn/Winter term)
- Hooded top embroidered with school motif
- Black long sleeve base layer



Pupils **MUST** wear gum shields and shin pads for football, rugby and hockey.

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FOR SAFETY REASONS NO JEWELLERY ALLOWED AND HAIR MUST BE TIED BACK.

Pupils will be expected to wear their PE kit for EVERY lesson. If they cannot take part for a medical reason, they need to bring a note, but will still need to bring their PE kit as they will be involved in the lesson in some capacity.

Welshpool High School Uniform Code

	ACCEPTABLE	NOT ACCEPTED
SKIRTS Plain black knee length regulation skirt. Lycra-style tube skirts, jeans-type trousers and leggings are not acceptable. See pictorial examples for guidance.		 <p>These are some examples of skirts not allowed: tube, stretchy, ra-ra or fashion type. Please check before you buy if unsure.</p>
TROUSERS Plain black regulation trousers Jeans-type trousers and leggings are not acceptable. See pictorial examples for guidance.	 <p>Length full, covering the ankle.</p>	 <p>These are some examples of trousers not allowed: Stretchy, denim, skinny, ankle tight, leggings, jeggings, metal decoration, studs, belts, rivets or jeans style cut. Please check before you buy if unsure.</p>

Our pupils are ambassadors of our school and are expected to dress and behave in a way that reflects the standards we seek to achieve. Uniform is **COMPULSORY** and under no circumstances will we tolerate styles which reflect current fashions. Please support us in ensuring that your child always wears the correct uniform in line with our policy. Uniform checks are carried out on a regular basis and any infringements to the uniform code will be expected to be remedied quickly.

Approved styles of skirts and trousers are available from

Constructiv Clothing Ltd

Tel. 01686 610890 Website: www.constructiv.co.uk/shop

SCHOOL TRANSPORT



School transport may be utilised on the transition days, drivers have been made aware they should allow Y6 to board, but please be aware transport is NOT overseen by WHS, and we have provided timetables as a guide only.

Please be aware of where buses stop close to your residence and ensure your child is there in plenty of time. It will be your responsibility to transport your child to school if they miss a bus.

If in any doubt please contact the bus company directly; we use both Owens of Oswestry and Tanat Valley Coaches operators currently.

Owens of Oswestry:

Telephone: (01691) 652126 Email: info@owenstravel.co.uk

Tanat Valley Coaches:

Telephone: (01691) 780212 Email: enquiries@tanat.co.uk



TANAT VALLEY
WP223

Route Code	Operator	AM	Pick-up Point	PM	Connections
WP223	Tanat Valley	08:05	Courthouse Lane	15:52	
		08:10	Arddleen, Horseshoe	15:54	
		08:12	Arddleen, Tabernacle Church	15:55	
		08:14	The Vines	15:56	
			Bungalow by grey shed - occasional	16:00	
		08:15	Deep Cutting		
		08:19	Guilsfield, Celyn Lane	16:01	
		N/A	Guilsfield Bottom Shop (Spar)	16:02	
		08:22	Guilsfield, Cemetery Lane (top)	16:04	
		08:23	Oldcastle Avenue	16:05	
		08:35	Welshpool, High School	15:40	

TANAT VALLEY
WP225

Route Code	Operator	AM	Pick-up Point	PM	Connections
WP225	Tanat Valley	08:05	Churchstoke, Harry Tuffins	16:22	Connect WP241A
		08:07	Churchstoke, Hall Bank (by Chinese)	16:20	
		08:08	Churchstoke, A490 near bridge	16:19	
		08:15	Blue Bell	16:07	
		08:17	Gooseberry Hall		
		08:18	Pentre	16:05	
		08:21	Montgomery Square	16:03	
		08:15	Montgomery - The Brick	16:00	
		08:30	Chirbury - Junction opp Herbert	15:57	
		08:35	Welshpool, High School	15:40	

TANAT VALLEY

WP226

Route Code	Operator	AM	Pick-up Point	PM	Connections
WP226	Tanat Valley	08:00	Cilcewydd Turn	16:12	
		08:01	Cilcewydd Car Park	16:09	
		08:02	Cilcewydd Junction	16:08	
		08:10	Hendomen	16:07	
		08:14	Caerhowell, Lion	16:01	
		08:15	Caerhowell, Meadows	15:59	
		08:16	Caerhowell, Close	15:57	
		08:23	Forden, Brynhyfryd	15:55	
		08:26	Forden, Church	15:52	
		08:27	Nantcribba	15:50	
		08:31	Kingswood, Cock Hotel	15:48	
		08:33	Edderton Hall	15:47	
		08:33	Fron Bank, Halmar Drive	15:46	
			Cilcewydd, Square & Compass		
		08:40	Welshpool, High School	15:40	

TANAT VALLEY

WP231

Route Code	Operator	AM	Pick-up Point	PM	Connections
WP231	Tanat Valley	08:16	Middletown, Opp Breidden Inn	15:54	
		08:20	Middletown Estate	15:56	
		n/a	Cottaeg before Gerreg Bank	15:52	
		08:25	Trewern, Tan-yObryn Esate (Gerreg Bank)	15:50	
		08:27	Trewern & Buttington CP School	15:48	
		08:29	Buttington, Heldre Lane	16:11	
		08:40	Welshpool, High School	15:40	

TANAT VALLEY
WP221 – T12

Route Code	Operator	AM	Pick-up Point	PM	Connections
WP221 - T12	Tanat Valley	08:03	Llanymynech, Bradford Arms	16:06	
		08:06	Four Crosses, War Memorial	16:03	
		08:10	Llandrinonio, Trawscoes Easte	16:00	
		08:16	Arddleen, Horseshoe Inn	15:54	
		08:22	Guilsfield, Church	15:39	
		08:35	Welshpool High Street	15:38	
		08:40	Welshpool, High School	15:35	

OWENS OF OSWESTRY
WP228

Route Code	Operator	AM	Pick-up Point	PM
WP228	Owens of Oswestry	08:02	Abermule, Post Office	16:12
		08:04	Fron, Old Post Office	16:09
		08:05	Fron, Farm Cottages	16:07
		08:07	Garthmyl, Nags Head	16:05
		08:09	Refail, Garage	16:02
		08:12	Berriew, Lion	16:00
		08:14	Berriew Turn, B4390/A483	15:58
		08:15	Horseshoe Inn	15:57
		08:16	Layby	15:56
		08:17	Belan Lane	15:54
		08:19	Coed-y-Dinas	15:52
		08:31	Welshpool, High School	15:45
		08:36	Welshpool, Bus Station	n/a

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