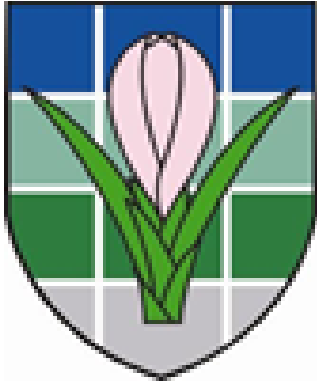




Saffron Walden
County High School

STUDENT HANDBOOK

Welcome



My name is Miss Gilbert and I will be your Year Achievement Coordinator (YAC) for Year 7 in September. It is my job to oversee the academic achievement and wellbeing of the year group during the five years leading up to the GCSE exams.

We look forward to welcoming you to SWCHS when you visit our school for your Taster Day. This is a great opportunity for you to get to know the people and places which will play an important part in your lives at SWCHS and to meet your Form Tutor.

In May we will send an All About Me booklet to your school for you to complete. Further details of what life is like at SWCHS will be put on the Year

6 transition page on our website, so please keep checking it for up-to-date information ahead of you joining us in September.

We hope that you find this student handbook useful in preparing you for the start of your Year 7 studies. We really look forward to welcoming you to SWCHS and are excited to meet our new Year 7s.

Miss S Gilbert

Year 7 Year Achievement Coordinator

Welcome to Saffron Walden County High School!



Some of us were worried about getting the right bus home, but the teachers help you!



You can make lots of new friends...

A lot of people were worried about getting lost as SWCHS is so big, but we all knew our way around within a few days. If you get lost – just ask!



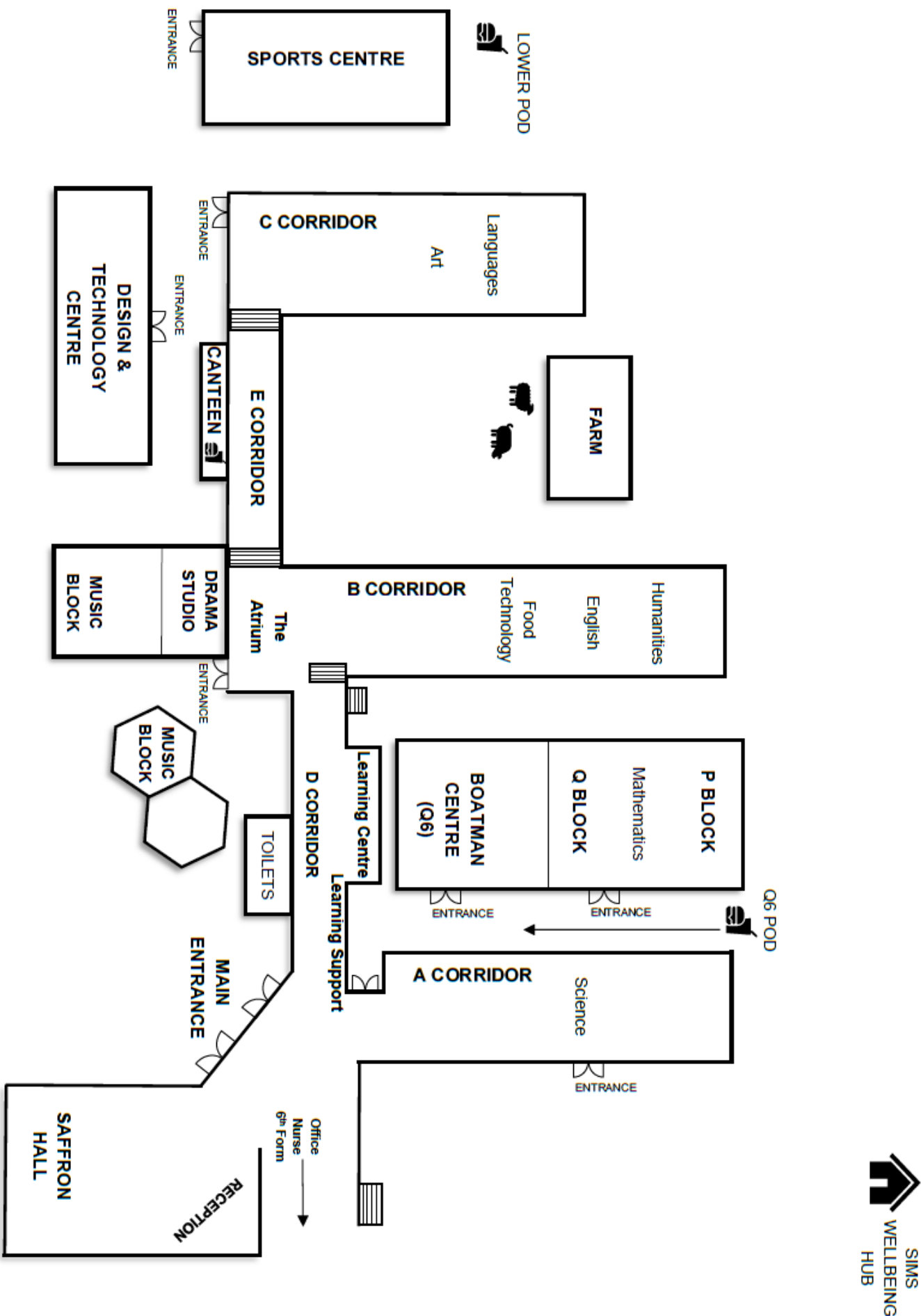
Year 7 is GREAT! Lessons have been really interesting. The teachers are really nice and happy to help you if you get stuck. Don't be afraid to ask if you want any help!

Some of us were worried about being bullied, but that is really unlikely. If anything happens that worries you there are staff here to help you and sort problems out! Actually, it hasn't been scary at all no-one we know has been bullied...

There are lots of new clubs and things to try so join in!



Map of the school



The school day

Some of the subjects that you study now in Year 6 will be the same at secondary school, but they may have a different name - Literacy will become English and Numeracy becomes Mathematics. There will be lots of new subjects such as Languages, Art, History and Geography and you will have a different teacher for each subject. Here is an example of a typical school day at SWCHS.

DAILY ROUTINE

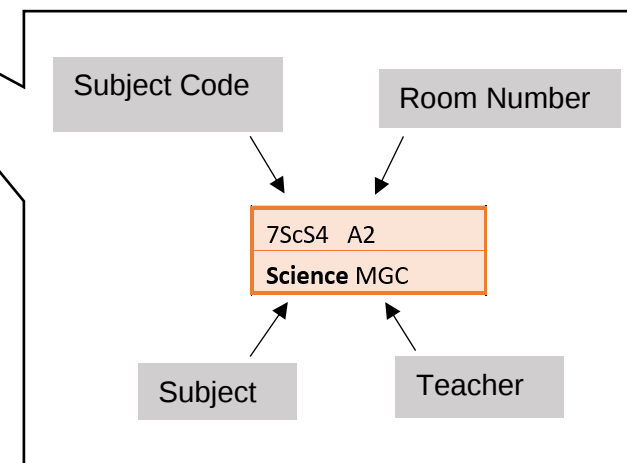
08.40 – 09.40	PERIOD 1
09.45 – 10.45	PERIOD 2
10.45 – 11.05	Morning Break (20 mins)
11.05 – 12.05	PERIOD 3
12.10 – 13.10	PERIOD 4
13.15 – 14.00	Lunch Break
14.00 – 14.15	REGISTRATION/ASSEMBLY
14.20 – 15.20	PERIOD 5

The school bell sounds at the following time:

08.35: Warning bell for students to proceed to Lesson 1
08.40: Start of lesson 1
09.40: End of lesson 1
09.45: Start of lesson 2
10.45: End of lesson 2
11.02: Warning bell for students to proceed to Lesson 3
12.05: End of lesson 3
12.10: Start of lesson 4
13.10: End of lesson 4
13.55: Warning bell for students to proceed to Assembly/Registration
14.00: Registration/Assembly
14.15: Warning bell to proceed to Lesson 5
15.20: End of day

Year 7 Timetable

	1Mon	1Tue	1Wed	1Thu	1Fri
1	7MaSE P3	7EnSC B13	7PeSA	7DeS4 C6	7ScS4 A2
	Maths AFT	English LD	PE JRI	German SJC	Science MGC
2	7HiS4 B11	7GgS4 B6	7ScS4 A2	7FrS4 C2	7EnSC B13
	History SXL	Geography MTH	Science MGC	French MNS	English LD
Break					
3	7MuS4 M14	7DtB2 B17	7PeSA	7ScS4 A11	7PeSA
	Music EHR	Des Tec XEB	PE JRI	Science PCG	PE JRI
4	7FrS4 C7	7DtB2 B18	7MaSE P3	7DrS4 Q6	7CpS4 P2
	French MNS	Des Tec XEB	Maths AFT	Drama JAS	Computing TAC
Lunch					
Reg					
5	7ScS4 A11	7CpS4 P2	7EnSC LIBA	7GgS4 B6	7RpeS4 B7
	Science PCG	Computing TAC	English CM	Geography MTH	RPE EAC



	2Mon	2Tue	2Wed	2Thu	2Fri
1	7EnSC B13	7DtB2 B17	7DtB2 B18	7CpS4 D8	7MaSE P11
	English LD	Des Tec XEB	Des Tec SVW	Computing LCN	Maths CSM
2	7AdS4 C9	7DtB2 B18	7RpeS4 B11	7FrS4 C2	7PeSA
	Art & Design CWS	Des Tec XEB	RPE EAC	French MNS	PE JRI
Break					
3	7GgS4 B6	7DrS4 E7	7AdS4 C4	7MaSE P3	7MuS4 M14
	Geography MTH	Drama JAS	Art & Design GD	Maths AFT	Music EHR
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Homework

Every Year 7 student will be expected to do 4-5 hours of homework a week. Homework builds upon what you learn in class and it is a good opportunity for you to demonstrate what you have learned.

Sometimes teachers will set homework which will help you prepare for the next lesson. It can be handwritten or sometimes you can use a computer for your work if you prefer. Some homework will be set online through Microsoft Teams and you will also complete online quizzes for Languages and Mathematics.

You will be asked to make a note of all homework that you are set within your Student Planner. This is a useful resource and includes lots of handy information. We recommend that you choose some 'Study Buddies' from within your lessons so that if you're absent or unsure about some homework set that you have someone to ask. Most Year 7's complete one hour of homework each night during the week. We would suggest that homework is completed in a quiet space.

Think about the following:

- Where will you do your homework?
- How will you fit this into your evening?
- When do you think that you will do your homework?
- What will you use to help you with your homework?

Here is an example of homework tasks that Year 7 were set in the first term at school:

- *Maths* – Complete the work on triangles Page 142, Exercise 6
- *History* – Use the Horrible Histories clip that you saw in class to find 5 things that the programme used to make history interesting.
- *Art* – Use 2 pages in your Art book to produce a mood board of still life pictures.
- *English* – Redraft your written work to include at least 3 complex sentences.
- *German* – Write 6 sentences in German about things in your school bag.

Think about the following:

- Which homework would you like to do the most from the examples above?
- Which would you find hardest?
- Why would you find this homework hard?
- Why are lots of different types of homework set?
- Why should you try and get your homework done in a quiet space?