

Parent Forum Tips to Support Pupils and Parents

Top Ten tips for pupils on how to survive in Year 7

Pupils' top 10 tips:

1. Listen to announcements from your form tutor and Progress Leader and make sure you know where to find information about clubs and activities.
2. Bring the correct equipment to school each day, including your diary, fob and reading book.
3. Wear the correct uniform.
4. Pack your bag the night before so you don't end up making your bag really heavy, or miss important things that you need.
5. Try not to give up on the tasks which have been set.
6. Always ask for help if you're stuck on something or don't understand.
7. Don't worry about getting lost – someone will always be around to help you.
8. Always do your homework and bring it in on time. (Write the task and the hand in date clearly in your diary).
9. Turn up to class on time.
10. Don't talk when the teacher is talking – you need to listen carefully to all of the information that you are being given.

Teachers' top 10 tips:

1. Keep calm and relax – teachers are here to help.
2. Be resourceful and resilient – start thinking for yourself.
3. Be positive; try your best in all subject areas.
4. Let your form teacher or another teacher know if you're having any problems or you can go to the Progress Leader at break time or lunch time.
5. Be proud to wear the school uniform and represent Llantwit Comp.
6. Always say 'please' and 'thank you' – those words will get you further in life.
7. Make sure you keep up to date with homework. Use the homework club in school if you need help.
8. Copy up any work you miss after absence – ask the teacher for help.
9. Always bring the correct equipment to lessons. It might help to keep your books in one place at home so that you know which ones you need to bring in.
10. Make the most of the extra curricular opportunities that are available.

Parent Top Tips

- The pupils have a two week timetable – help your child to get used to how it works. Also always check whether it is a week 1 or a week 2 especially after a holiday! (You can check on the parental calendar on the school website.)
- School starts at 8.30am and finishes at 3pm.
- Your child can gain positive points for doing things like good work/homework, good attitude, using welsh language, good progress. They can lose negative points for things like: poor attitude, not following instructions, incorrect uniform, poor effort, incomplete homework. It is important for them to use their points totals to monitor how well they adjust to secondary school. All pupils are aiming for high positives and low negatives.
- If your child is absent they should copy up missed work and homework from a friend so that they are up to date.
- Your child will be in a form class with a form tutor. Eg 7RN is Year 7, Miss Newbrook (staff initials). They will see their form teacher every day for 20 minutes for form period or assembly sessions. The form teacher will be one of the members of staff who will get to know your child well and will be able to help them settle in. In form period/ assembly they do things like – daily worship, homework diary checks, discuss progress/attendance, literacy and numeracy.
- Get your child to take a photo of their timetable on their phone –it’s easier to use and it’s there if they misplace it.
- See pages 31-33 of the school handbook to check how you can help your child and what you can do if you are worried about your child.
- You can contact the school by phone or email for any issues. Mrs Hayley Marshallsay is the Progress Leader for Year 7 so she will generally manage all queries for these year groups.

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Information that you might see on pupils' books and reports

Abbreviations you might want to know about:

SIMS – Schools Information Management System – we use this to carry our attendance, record assessment details and to write pupil reports

KS2 (Key stage 2; ages 7-11) – last Primary Key Stage to Year 6 (non-secondary school)

KS3 (Key stage 3; ages 11-14) – First secondary Key Stage, from Year 7 to Year 9.

In Llantwit School we operate a 3 year KS4. This means that although in year 9 pupils continue to study Maths, English, Science, RS, Welsh and core PE they also, through the Options process followed in year 8, have the opportunity to select to only continue to study some 'option' subjects in year 9.

KS4 (Key stage 4; ages 14-16) – Second secondary Key Stage, Year 10 and Year 11.

KS5 (Key stage 5; ages 16-18) – Post 16 Education, Year 12 and 13

Pupil Estimates Years 7-11. Our school wants to maintain a rank position within the top 25% of Secondary schools performance. With this aim for all pupils in Ks3 and Ks4 we utilise an educational service provider called The Fischer Family Trust to help set initial pupil targets.

What is FFT (Fischer Family Trust)

FFT provides data and analyses to all schools and Local Authorities in England and Wales. FFT provides information to schools to help set targets and to evaluate value added progress indicators for all pupils and schools.

What is an estimate?

An FFT estimate is a starting point for estimating what level or grade a pupil might attain in the future. The FFT estimates provided to schools show estimated levels/ grades for specific subjects. Estimates simply say 'if what happened in tests and examinations last year was mirrored this year, these are the most likely outcomes.'

Estimates can be generated for:

- End of Ks4 (yr11) as GCSE grades or equivalencies. This helps to indicate a likely level of student performance. FFT estimates are used by teachers to help inform the target setting of students and to support school improvement and self-evaluation.

If you have any suggestions about how this tip leaflet can be improved, please email llantwitmajorhs@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk
or if you feel that you can help to contribute towards supporting learning in our school, please contact our Parent Forum