



Year 7 Induction Guide

Devonport High School for Boys

Induction Day - Monday 7th September 2020

What to expect:

The purpose of the Induction Day is for you to familiarise yourself with your new school environment and to start to learn about the routines and expectations here at Devonport High School for Boys. This year, the Induction Day will also include several of the familiarisation activities that would have been a part of the Y6 Familiarisation Day. Therefore, you will have the opportunity to spend time with your form tutor and meet the other members of your form group.

The day will include:

- A welcome from the Headteacher Mr Roberts
- A tour of the school site
- An opportunity to collect uniform orders and have thumbprints set up for the cashless payment system used in Refuel.
- Familiarisation activities with your Tutor and Head of House.
- A Q&A session with the Peer Mentors *

*Please note that due to COVID-19 restrictions the Peer Mentors will not be on the school site but will conduct this session virtually, under the supervision of your Deputy Head of House.

What to wear:

Please arrive at school wearing...

- Charcoal grey trousers (not skinny trousers, jeans or trousers with pockets on the legs)
- A white shirt
- Plain, dark coloured socks
- School shoes (polishable shoes, not trainers - please see the uniform guide for clarification if needed using this link [Year 7 - Uniform guide and ordering information 2020.pdf](#))
- A plain jumper of your choice (until uniform orders have been received)
- A suitable coat

What to bring:

- Your transition pack (Coloured plastic folder) with any completed transition challenge tasks inside. Here is a copy of the booklet in case you have mislaid it! [Y6 Transition Booklet](#)

- A clearly named pencil case containing at least one blue or black pen, a pencil, ruler, sharpener and rubber. You may also want to consider including a glue stick and children's scissors).
- Headphones - whilst these are unlikely to be needed on Induction Day, they will be beneficial for lessons such as Music whereby the sharing of equipment is not advised due to COVID-19.
- A packed lunch or ensure that you have loaded credit on to your WisePay account in order to purchase items from Refuel (the school canteen). We operate a cashless system and therefore you will not be able to buy food or drink with cash.
- A bottle of water (preferably in a reusable bottle), clearly named.

Where to go:

- Please arrive by **8:55am** and enter the school site via **the main gate** (at the top of the hill by the zebra crossing).
- There will be a member of staff there to greet you and direct you towards the Y7 playground where you will assemble with your form group, when you have all arrived your chaperone (member of support staff) will take you to your form room where your tutor will be waiting for you.
- Parents, please do not come on to the school site with your son at the start of the day or at the end of the day and do not gather by the gate at the end of the day. We need to leave a clear area for students to leave the site and to socially distance from one another. Please arrange a suitable collection/meeting point with your son beforehand.

Tuesday 8th September 2020

Due to the extended school closure and long absence from the school setting for our students, all students in Years 7-13 will have an extended tutorial day on Tuesday 8th September. This day will be an opportunity for students to spend time getting used to the new school safety systems in place due to COVID-19 and reconnecting with peers. You will receive your timetable on this day and lessons will begin on Wednesday 9th September. On Tuesday 8th September you must go straight to your tutor room when you arrive at school after washing your hands. Do not go to the year 7 playground.

Further Information for Parents

COVID-19:

In order for the school to reopen safely there will be a variety of guidelines in place for our school community to follow in September. You will be given a more detailed account from Mr Roberts in due course but to summarise we need to minimise the number of contacts that students and staff have within the school day, keeping students within their Year group 'bubble' and reducing the contact they have as 'whole school.' There will be a strict one way system for moving around the school to enable social distancing, there will be hand washing facilities before entering each school building and sanitizers in each classroom. Each 'bubble' will have allocated break time and lunchtime spaces - these will be shown to Year 7 on their Induction Day and there will be specific instructions for exiting the school site at the end of the day (please see Transport section below). If your son chooses to wear a face covering in school then this will need to be a clean, fresh mask that has not been used on public transport. If your son will be travelling via public transport and is advised to wear a face covering it either needs to be disposed of or placed into a bag upon arrival into school.

It is hoped that extra curricular activities will take place but this will need to be explored at the start of term reviewing the most up to date government guidance before any clubs may begin again. More information about this will be provided centrally at the start of term.

Photographs:

School photos which usually take place on Induction Day are now scheduled to be on Tuesday 15th September which will allow time for uniform exchanges to be made. These will be individual photos only and not a Form Group photo due to COVID-19 safety measures.

Uniform:

Your son will collect his uniform order on his induction day. His order will be in a sealed bag and students are not to open these until they are given to a parent/carer at home.

If you wish to exchange an item for a different size you will find included in with your order a sealable plastic bag and a returns form. Please repackage any item you would like to exchange and make sure that any tags are still attached to the item and all packaging returned. Seal the items inside the plastic bag provided, complete the returns form and attach it to the outside of the package. Please ask your son to return this to the school reception (no visitors will be allowed on site without an appointment

from September to due COVID-19 safety measures). Returns must be in a sealed plastic bag.

Returns packages will need to be quarantined for 72 hours before we can open them so this will delay exchanges. Please be aware that if you wish to exchange any O'Neills sports kit, these items are made to order and the school doesn't keep any stock of this so they will need to be remanufactured which usually takes around 4-5 weeks so hence sports kit exchanges will take quite a bit of time.

Chaperones:

With the Government guidance stating that students should be in a Year Group 'bubble' as a safety precaution following the COVID-19 school closures, it will not be possible for Peer Mentors to physically assist the younger students during the induction period as they would have done previously or for the Year 7 students themselves to ask for help from those outside of their bubble. With this in mind, each Year 7 Form Group will have a member of support staff attached to them for at least the first week of term. This member of staff will provide support on the Induction Day itself but then also meet their group at the end of each lesson to escort them to the next lesson on their timetable.

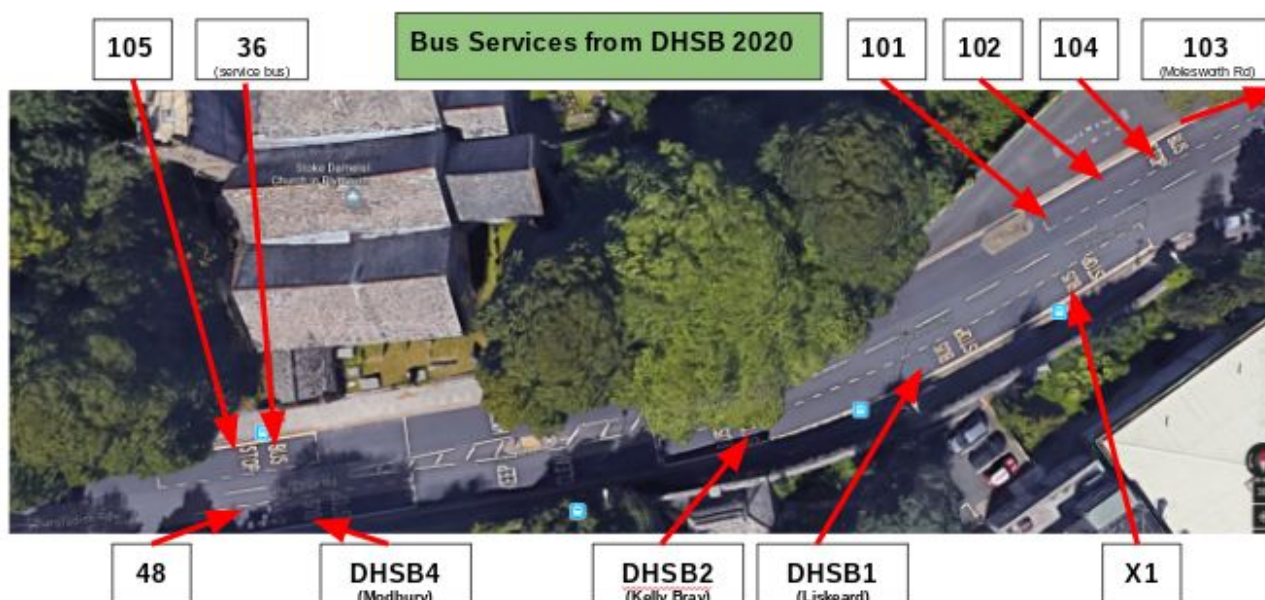
Lockers:

The lockers will be available for booking via Wisepay from the start of term and details about this will be provided to you when the system is ready. When paid for, padlocks can be put on the allocated locker but please note that the lockers will be taped up and therefore not in use for the first week of term so that we can monitor the flow of foot traffic and ensure that the one way system around the school site is being used correctly. Students will be told to come in wearing PE kit if they have PE or Games on a particular day and so they don't need to hold their PE bag somewhere in school. For guidance on padlocks please see item number 7 in the Summer Preparation section of the [Y6 Transition Booklet](#).

Transport:

Car - If you will be dropping off and collecting your son please note that it is not possible to park on the school site or directly outside of the school at the top gate. Please do not pull into the top gate even for a 'quick drop off' as this blocks the entrance for members of staff. This area is also coned off each day between 3:20 and 3:30pm for the safety of our students.

Bus - If your son will be using a bus to make his way home from school, please study the map below with him and read the instructions on how to leave the school site.



Leaving school - for buses on the school side of the road:

(DHSB1, DHSB2, DHSB4, X1, 48)

- Exit school across Edgcumbe playground and via the Edgcumbe gate.
- Walk around to the main road by turning left at the end of the road and get immediately on to your bus if it is waiting in the bus stop.
- If the bus is not waiting, please wait in an orderly fashion against the school wall to enable pedestrians to easily pass by. You should try to maintain social distancing from students not in your year group also.

Leaving school - For buses on the opposite side of the road to school:

(101, 102, 103 (in Molesworth Road), 104, 105, 36)

- Exit school via the main gate, carefully cross the road at the zebra crossing.
- Walk down Paradise Road to your waiting bus and get onto the bus immediately if it is present.
- If the bus is not waiting, please wait in an orderly fashion away from the edge of the road to enable pedestrians to easily pass by. You should try to maintain

social distancing from students not in your year group also.

Leaving school - For Devonport Station, Plymouth City Centre and Ferries

Devonport Station and Stoke Village:

- Leave school via the main gate and cross the road via the zebra crossing to commence your walk to the station, towards City College or into Stoke.
- Walk with members of your year group (or family) only where possible.

Plymouth centre and Victoria Park:

- Exit school across the Edgcumbe playground and Edgcumbe gate and continue your journey in the direction you need.
- Do not walk back up Paradise Road towards the main school gates.
- Walk with members of your year group (or family) only where possible.

Cremyll Ferry:

- Exit school via the Watergate and continue your journey in the direction you need.
- Be careful when crossing the grass areas.
- Walk with members of your year group (or family) only where possible.