

## **Q&A – New Y7 Parents Webinar – 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Q: Please can you let us know what the class sizes are? Thanks

A: SDS - Almost all Year 7 teaching is delivered in tutor groups - so 32 boys. DT is taught in half groups, and Games/PE may be doubled up for some activities

A: RDG - Although we might double groups up, it will still be a 1:32/33 ratio, so it will be same numbers, but potentially different staff depending on the activity

Q: Hello, Will we receive these presentations?

A: SDS - The slides will go on the website - and I believe that a recording may go there too.

Q: Hello, Are the tutors going to be assigned before September and can we contact them during the summer?

A: SDS - The tutors will be appointed before the end of this term. It is unlikely that parents will be able to contact them before the September Term. If there is an urgent matter then the Lower School Office Staff will check correspondence periodically

Q: I understand that there currently is not a parent login for Teams. When do you believe that this will be available

A: AJW – This has been “coming soon” from Microsoft for about 6 months now. As soon as it’s released we will pass on the details to parents

Q: Are tutor groups drawn from different houses?

A: DGB - There are 5 tutor groups - so one for each House

Q: Thanks - so if my son is in a different House to his friends, that means he'll be in a different tutor group to them?

A: Correct

Q: Thanks, would the Lower School Office be the right place to contact to discuss SENC topic?

A: DGB - Please contact Mrs Paden (SENCO), contact details are on the website

Q: What is great Yews

A: SDS - An overnight camp for Year 7

Q: Hi, can you confirm the organisation code as Wise Pay app has updated and I need to log in again. Thx

A: SDS - The Finance Office will be able to confirm if you contact them - details are on the website

Q: Can parents have separate wisePAY accounts?

A: Yes – please contact the Finance Office to arrange

Q: Was the handbook sent out via email or in the post ?

A: DGB – The handbook was sent out via Insight and is also available on the Lower School website. Please contact Mrs Bazire-Smith if you have login issues

Q: Should boys wear their current school uniform for induction day? Thank you

A: SDS - No - unless they wish to!

Q: Who do we contact if we haven't received our son's school starter pack?

A: DGB - Please contact Mrs Bazire-Smith (Pastoral Support Officer) in the Lower School Office

Q: Is there any combat sport at BWS?

A: RDG - not currently, we used to have judo run out of the school as an external letting that our students accessed. we have self defence running in the 6th form as an option.

Q: is the adventure counting towards DOE awards or a totally separate thing?

A: JMO - DofE starts in the latter part of Year 9, but we aim to give a pathway of adventurous activities for all boys to suit their interests and abilities

Q: How do they apply to be in the BWS Adventure Group?

A: JMO - They will be able to sign up for activities

Q: What is name of ward house teacher and how many students in ward house?

A: SDS - The tutors will be notified later this term. There will be approximately 32 boys in each Year 7 tutor group, and 160 boys in each House Y7-11. There are also sixth form House students of course...

Q: What is the drop off and pick up procedure on Exeter St or are there alternative locations.

A: SDS - That is a matter purely for parents; we ask parents NOT to drop off their sons in an unsafe way (eg obstructing the keep clear zone next to the school gates), and also to drive with consideration for others as you would expect. There is no entry to the school site for parental vehicles.

Q: Where do we sign up for the monthly lottery?

A: SDS - [www.bwspa.org](http://www.bwspa.org)

Q: when will the auditions be for the choir pls?

A: SDS – At the start of the term

Q: Mr Brown mentioned about the dining room being open 3 days a week for year 7s but what do they do the rest of the time ?

A: SDS - Sandwiches - either brought from home or we have a 'feeding station' for each year group around the site where they can buy sandwiches, cakes, fruit, drinks etc

Q: Is this because of Covid regulations at the moment, ie will they have access to the dining room for hot lunches 5 days a week once things return to normal?

A: SDS - It is Covid-driven, but actually we have limited capacity and the current arrangements have worked well so we will probably retain them

Q: What is your mobile phone policy, do you have procedures for mobile phones during the school day ?

A: SDS - All phones have to be switched off during the school day. The relevant policy is on the website