

Year 9 Information Evening



Introductions



Ms Kennedy
Headteacher

Mr Stevenson
(Deputy Head)



Mrs Thuell
(Deputy Head)

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Head of Year 9

Mr Benson
SENDCo

Mr Coleman
Assistant Head

Mr Marshall
Assistant Head

Mrs Middleditch
Assistant Head and
Year 9 link



Our Values

- County Upper is very much a community
- Every student here is important to us and valued equally.
- We hope that you will embrace all the opportunities that will be offered.

‘be the best version of yourself’



Our Aspirations

- We motivate students towards autonomy where they are able to make informed decisions.
- We treat everyone equally and fairly and students develop respect for all.
- We empower students to take opportunities within and beyond the curriculum.
- We celebrate excellence and achievement.
- We are a community: in all that we do we value kindness, consideration, pride and hard work.



Daily Life

- Form Time
 - *Literacy, Debates, Quizzes, B&V, planner checks*
- Assemblies
 - *Themed, informative, motivational*
- Lessons
 - *50 minutes*
- Break and lunch
 - *Clubs, food available, cashless system*

8.55: Go to registration
9.00: Registration

9.25: Lesson 1
10.15: Lesson 2

11.05: BREAK
11.25: Go to lesson

11.30: Lesson 3
12.20: Lesson 4

13.10: LUNCH
13.55: Go to lesson 5

14:00 Lesson 5
14.50: Lesson 6
15.40: End of school day

Safeguarding Team

Our designated safeguarding staff



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Any safeguarding concern email: cu.safeguarding@countyupper.org

Communication

- There are a variety of reasons why you may wish to contact the school.
- In the first instance, you should do this via the school office, who can pass any queries to the appropriate person.
- The school office is open from 8.30am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday either by email or telephone.

office@countyupper.org

Telephone: 01284 754857



Mobile Phones

“not seen and not heard”

- You are permitted to carry a mobile phone in your bag if it is switched off.
- If your mobile phone is seen or heard it will be confiscated by a member of staff.
- First occasion will be recorded and the student can collect the phone
- If the phone is confiscated for a second time, a parent is required to collect the phone at their convenience.
- Earphones and smart watches are not allowed and will be confiscated if seen or heard. These will be returned following the same rules as phone confiscations.



Communication



Form Tutor	Lost items, friendship issues within the form, changes in personal circumstances.
Class/Subject Teacher	Questions or issues that relate to events that happen in the classroom or matters relating to a specific lesson or task, e.g. homework, behaviour sanctions etc.
Head of Subject or Head of Faculty	Matters relating to curriculum provision or longer term concerns about content of lessons, or behaviour in a particular subject.
Head of Year	More serious concerns: e.g. the general progress of a child across a number of subjects, behaviour matters that are not specific to one subject area, to make the school aware of problems/situations arising out of school which may affect your child's learning etc.
Senior Leadership Team	If your query or concern has not been addressed by the staff member you have contacted (see 1-4 above) or you continue to have concern.

Communicating information

- Parentmail
 - Shares information
 - Collects information
 - Pay for trips, resources and school meals.
- Go4 schools
 - Up-to-date information about the progress of their child.
 - Child's timetable, attendance information, homework that has been set
 - School reports.
 - See any achievement points they have earned
 - Notifies you of any behavioural issues and if afterschool detentions have been issued



Uniform Expectations

- Students can wear any item under their shirt (white, if visible) for additional warmth and / or a coat (not sweatshirt) over their jumper to, from and around school and at break and lunchtimes.
- Coats are not to be worn in tutor time or lesson times.
- Hoodies are not to be worn on site at any time -they will be confiscated if worn and returned to the student at the end of the half term.
- Hats may not be worn inside the buildings.





Uniform
19th July
4-7pm



Footwear

- Black, sensible, safe, suitable school shoes(not trainers or trainer style).
- Shoes with sports branding such as 'Nike' or 'Adidas' are not permitted.
- Canvas shoes and plimsols (including leather style kicker plimsols) may not be worn.
- *The school holds a stock of shoes to be issued to students as an interim measure when students are unable to wear their school shoes (eg shoe is broken or lost).*





School shoes:
examples of suitable
school shoes

This is not a definitive
list and many more
styles are appropriate
-please check with
your child's Head of
Year prior to
purchasing if you are
in any doubt.



NOT SUITABLE:
examples of
footwear that is
not suitable to be
worn with uniform.

This is not a
definitive list -if
unsure please
contact your child's
Head of Year for
guidance – before
purchasing.

Jewellery and Make Up

- One pair of plain studs - one stud per ear.
- No other jewellery is permitted
- Smart watches are not permitted.
- If jewellery is worn that is not permitted, it will be confiscated and can be collected at the end of the half term from the Head of Year.

- Any make-up must be discrete and hair must be a natural colour.
- Nail extensions/gel nails or elongated nails are not allowed; coloured nail varnish is not permitted.
- False eye lashes/eye lash extensions are not permitted.
- Hair shaved to a “number 0” is not allowed and ‘extravagant’ styles will be referred to the Head of Year.

These expectations for the wearing of uniform apply throughout the school day, including lunchtime.

If students or parents/carers are in any doubt, they should seek advice from the Head of Year before items are purchased.

Equipment

- Correct uniform, named
- Planner
- Black pen (biro, ink pens or thin fibre tips)
- Purple pen (for self assessment)
- Pencils and sharpener
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Scientific calculator (we would recommend Casio FX83GT or FX85GT for ease of use)
- Geometry set
- Glue stick
- Highlighters – at least two colours
- A pencil case to keep them in!
- Water bottle
- PE Kit, named

If you have forgotten any equipment please see student services before school or at break to purchase items you need.

Transition Days

- 11th-13th July
- **Attend in school uniform on 11 July**
- **PE kit on 12 and 13 July**
- Year 8 arrive for 9:30 start
- Go to field
- They will be allocated to their form
- Bring a packed lunch
- Bring pencil case



Curve Motion

- Wednesday 13th July
- 5-7pm
- Whole year group activity
- Free
- Parent/Carers arrange pick up and drop off
- Skates included



First Day: Monday 5th September

- Attend in full school uniform
- Meet on the field at 8.55 at fire assembly point
- Your tutor will meet you there and take you to form



Dates for the Diary

- 19th July School Uniform
- 5th September School starts
- 13th September photographs
- 15th September Y9 Parents Information Evening
- 23rd March GCSE Option events

