

# ASHTON ON MERSEY SCHOOL



## A BESPOKE TRANSITION INFORMATION PACK FOR YEAR 6 PUPILS

September 2021

Welcome to Ashton on Mersey School. Changing school is exciting but you might also feel a bit nervous. It will involve a lot of changes and new experiences for you in September.

The most important thing is to remember that there are lots of people to support you during this time.

This is your Transition Workbook and you can use it both at school and at home. It will hopefully explain a lot about secondary school and answer some of your questions as well as help to prepare you for all the changes.

## Our School Vision

Over the past year staff, parents and pupils have been working hard to create a new vision for the school. This new vision is underpinned by our mission and values. These values will be used on a daily basis in all areas of school life and help us all achieve our mission;

**‘Together, we will be the best we can be’.**



## General Information

- ✓ School starts at 8:35am and finishes at 3pm.
- ✓ I will attend school from Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

## Who is who?



Mr L McConnaghie,  
Headteacher

Dr M Fox,  
Assistant  
Headteacher for  
SEND and Transition

Miss J Mercer,  
Head of Year 7

You will be assigned a form tutor, each morning you will go straight to your form room (this will be the same room each day) and register there until 9:00am. During form time you will carry out a variety of activities from PHSE, Character Education, Metacognition tasks and also attending assemblies. You will meet your form tutor in September. You will remain in the same form group for the 5 years at Ashton on Mersey school, so you will become really familiar with your other form members.

## What key information do I need to know about my school?

- ✓ The school's address is Cecil Avenue, Sale, Cheshire, M33 5BP
- ✓ The school's telephone number is 0161 973 1179
- ✓ The school's email address is [office@aom.trafford.sch.uk](mailto:office@aom.trafford.sch.uk)

**Where do I go on my first day?** On the first day I go to the playground on Cecil Avenue (main gates). This will be the same entrance you will use every day when you enter and exit school.

**What should I do if I get lost and I am late for my lesson?** If you get lost, ask a member of staff or a pupil to guide you to your location. We understand that Year 7s will get lost during their first few weeks of secondary school, so we will make allowances for you.

**What should I do if I feel unwell or need first aid during school time?** I should put my hand up and let my teacher know. If I feel unwell at lunch or break I should go and find my Head of Year (Miss J Mercer) you can find Miss in room 30 or the Year 7 office. If you need First Aid you should go straight to Student Services to seek medical assistance.

## Our School Values and Expected Behaviours

Our school values help us to shape how we would expect all of our pupils to behave on a daily basis both at Ashton on Mersey school and also within the local community.

The behaviours that we want and behaviours that we won't accept have been shaped by our pupils.

# ASHTON ON MERSEY SCHOOL VALUES



## Behaviours we want



## Behaviours we won't accept

### Ambition



We strive to be the best we can be

We adopt a positive attitude to learning

We recognise that setbacks are part of the journey to success

### Compassion



We are selfless

We have empathy

We show care and support for the wider community

### Equality



We welcome and accept everyone

We celebrate diversity

We give a voice to individuality

### Integrity



We are truthful

We believe in justice and have moral purpose

We take ownership of our mistakes

### Respect



We respect everyone in our community

We respect everyone's right to learn

We respect the power of language

### Resilience



We have a growth mindset

We are committed to overcoming challenges and obstacles

We keep trying

A careless attitude to work and life

A lack of personal pride

Selfishness

Ignorance

Prejudice

Discrimination

Not taking responsibility

Dishonesty

Rudeness

Bad manners

Lack of effort

"Can't" or "Won't"

## Travelling to School

It is really important that you plan how you will get to school to avoid being late and incurring any late sanctions.

Use the guide below to plan your preferred route.

### Walking

What is the best walking route? \_\_\_\_\_

How long will it take to get to school? \_\_\_\_\_

Names of friends I could walk with? \_\_\_\_\_

### Cycling

What is the best cycling route? \_\_\_\_\_

Are any there any difficult road hazards to negotiate? \_\_\_\_\_

Where can I leave my bike at school? \_\_\_\_\_

How long will it take to get to school? \_\_\_\_\_

### Bus

Bus company name \_\_\_\_\_

Pick up point \_\_\_\_\_

Pick up time \_\_\_\_\_

Drop off point \_\_\_\_\_

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## The Timetable

One of the first pieces of information you will be given in September will be your timetable. It's very important because it not only tells you which lessons you will have that day but it also reminds you about the equipment you will need to pack in your bag the night before. It also tells you which room your lessons will take place in. If you haven't got a watch yet, it might be a good idea to buy one.

Your timetable will also let you know which teacher you will have for each subject. Instead of just one teacher, you're going to have to get used to ten or more different people being in charge of your class! The timetable will usually have the teacher's initials next to the name of the lesson.

Here is an example of a timetable:-

	Period					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Mon	07JOP/Ma CLM 19	07JOP/En KAD 24	07JOP/Dt ELA 23	07JOP/Re LAR 20	07JOP/Hi JUS 12	07JOP/Ge EZA 19
Tue	07JOP/Mu NAS 19	07JOP/Sp JAP 61	07JOP/Ma CLM 19	07JOP/En KAD 24	07JOP/Sc LUC 19	07JOP/Hi RIN 12
Wed	07JOP/Dr JED 19	07JOP/Ma CLM 19	07JOP/Sp JAP 61	07JOP/En KAD 24	07JOP/Sc ANM 19	07m/Pe3 EMP 23
Thu	07JOP/Cs SAR SS2	07JOP/Sp JAP 61	07JOP/Dt MEF 12	07JOP/Sc LUC 19	07JOP/Ma CLM 19	07JOP/En KAD 24
Fri	07m/Pe3 JIL 23	07m/Pe3 JIL 24	07JOP/Ar PAC 21	07JOP/Sc ANM 19	07JOP/Ge EZA 19	07JOP/En KAD 24

## The School Day

All pupils are issued with a planner which must be brought to school every day. There is a section for your timetable and spaces each week to write down any reminders. All homework is set on the 'Satchel One' app so you do not need to worry about writing this in your planner. There are other useful pages in your planner too, for example; the school uniform, physical education kit, personal appearance, the school vision and many more.

Each school day begins at 8.35am so pupils should be in school by 8.35am at the latest. School finishes at 3.00pm.

Morning registration / Assembly	8.35am to 9.00am
Period 1	9.00am – 9.50am
Period 2	9.50am – 10.40am
<b>BREAK</b>	10.40am – 10.55am
Period 3	10.55am – 11.45am
Period 4	11.45am – 12.35pm
<b>LUNCH</b>	12.35pm – 1.20pm
Period 5	1.20pm – 2.10pm
Period 6	2.10pm – 3.00pm

### Where can I go at lunch and break times if I wish to purchase some food?

- ✓ **Outside diner** – Serves snack items at break time such as croissants, waffles and pancakes. At lunch time wraps, paninis.
- ✓ **The pod** – Serves snacks such as crumpets and teacakes at break time. At lunch time you can typically expect to find pasties, sausage rolls or pizza.
- ✓ The **dining hall** – selling hot meals and deserts, vegetarian options are also available.
- ✓ There are several other food serving stations in **dining hall** including a pasta outlet and a sandwich and wrap outlet.

### Where can I go if I have brought a packed lunch?

- ✓ Picnic area based beside the library and the outside diner and near the entrance playground.
- ✓ Covered area for eating, near the English Quad.
- ✓ Seating area is available in the dining hall.
- ✓ Seating area to dine is also available in the Jackson building (1<sup>st</sup> floor).

### How do I pay for my food?

- ✓ Your parents/carers will put money on your account via ParentPay online and you will pay for your food this way.

## **Student Services and Pupil Support Management Team**

**At Student Services** you can obtain a range of help and information about the following:

- ✓ Trip Information
- ✓ ParentPay Help
- ✓ Show My Homework PIN and Log In
- ✓ Trip Letters
- ✓ Exams information
- ✓ Timetable issues
- ✓ information and advice
- ✓ Buy a new planner
- ✓ Buy Stationery
- ✓ Buy a new Tie £5
- ✓ First Aid Assistance
- ✓ You are lost

If you are not sure of where to go to resolve an issue, visit Student Services and a member of staff will be on hand to help you.

### **Pupil Support Management (PSM Team)**

In addition to the support your form tutor can offer we also have the pupil support team who are located in several places throughout the school. The main place to find them is in the Pupil Support Office.

### **About the PSM Team**

PSMs are not teachers they are qualified members of staff who are trained in dealing with specific issues which you may need support with in school. At Ashton on Mersey we have 4 PSM members: Mrs Owen, Mrs Warburton, Mr Brown and Mr Evans. The PSM's are available before school, at break, lunch times and after school to support you. If you wish to speak to a PSM you need to pop into the office during the times stated above and make an appointment.

### **Reasons you might need their support:**

- ✓ Lost an item
- ✓ Worried about something
- ✓ Require a member of staff to talk to about a concern
- ✓ Report a problem
- ✓ Friendship issue

## Homework

The more organised you are, the more efficient you will be and hopefully this will mean your homework will be a high quality.

In Year 7 you may start to get a lot more homework than you have been used to. Teachers may be stricter about getting it done and handed in on time too.

To help you do this, you have a programme online called 'Satchel One'. An app can be downloaded on your phone and your parent/carers device where homework set can be viewed. The app will notify you and your parents and carers when a piece of homework is set and due in, this will help you prioritise which homework to complete first.

### How will I get on to the app?

When you start school, you will be given a pupil 'Satchel One' log in and PIN and your parents/carers will be given their own too. On the app you will also be able to communicate with your teacher to ask any questions on the homework you may be struggling with too.

Homework is really important because it shows the teacher whether you have understood the work or not. It also means that you can cover more work than the time allowed by a lesson in school. You will often be asked to extend your learning through additional tasks and research.

### Frequently asked questions about homework:

**How much homework will I get?** You will get a minimum of one piece of homework per subject each week to complete.

**Is there a homework club in school?** The library is open for you to complete your homework during lunch times and each night after school until 4pm. There is also a weekly homework club should you need help.

**What should I do if I can't do my homework?** If you are struggling, you must see your subject teacher before the due deadline or send a message on 'Satchel One' to your subject specific teacher. Again, ensure this is at a suitable time and not the night it is due in to allow your teacher time to reply and guide you.

**What happens if I don't do my homework?** We hope that you will do your homework and hand it in on time, if you do not, there will be sanctions given and homework will need to be completed during your own time within school.

**Who can I ask about homework?** You could ask someone in your class, a subject specific teacher, a teacher assistant, your form tutor or your parents

## Getting Organised

In primary school, most of the equipment you need is kept in the classroom but at secondary school, you will be expected to have your own pencils, pens and other equipment and you will have to carry them all around with you.

### What should I bring to school?

**TIP:** In order to ensure you do not forget anything, pack your bag the night before.

Use the check list below to get yourself stationery ready:

- You must carry a suitable school bag
- Your planner – this will be given to you by school
- A homework folder, this will help keep work neat, ready to be handed in.
- 2 or 3 black or blue pens
- A green pen for peer and self-assessed work
- 2 pencils
- Range of coloured pencils
- A sharpener
- A rubber
- A 30cm ruler
- A pencil case
- Highlighter/s
- A scientific calculator
- A small dictionary
- A protractor
- A compass
- Your own reading book – this is important as you will be asked to read during form time, your English lesson and during our 'Drop Everything and Read' schedule.

You will be required to place your pencil case and planner on the desk at the start of every lesson.

## Bullying

### What is bullying?

Being made to feel persistently unhappy by, for example:

- Being hit or pushed on purpose
- Name calling
- Being isolated or left out
- Having money or items taken off you
- Being threatened
- People whispering about you if it makes you feel unhappy

### Who can I tell?

There are plenty of people in school who you can tell, you can tell any member of staff. However, it is always best to tell your form tutor in the first instance as they are your first point of contact in any situation.

- ✓ You could also tell a member of the pupil support team or your Head of Year.
- ✓ You may prefer to tell your parents and then they can contact the school on your behalf.
- ✓ Or, you may prefer to tell your friends and again they can tell a member of staff for you.

It is really important that you do let school know of anything that is worrying you so we can help resolve the problem as quick as possible.

## Rewards and Sanctions

Every school will have rules for the classroom, corridors and assembly as well as rules about homework, break-times and uniform. You might not like them or even agree with them but they are there to make life easier for everyone in school.

There will always be consequences for breaking the rules or school values too. So, it's not only important to know what the rules and values are, but also what will happen if you don't follow them.

**Will my parents know if I get a reward?** Absolutely, we will send a message home through School Comms to acknowledge your brilliant behaviour. We also send letters out at the end of each term to celebrate your outstanding behaviour.

**How can I get a reward?** You could be recognised for various things such as: outstanding attendance; contributing well to class discussions; producing outstanding work inside and outside of the classroom; being a supportive or helpful person to your peer or teacher; pushing yourself beyond your target; completing challenge activities, following the school values and many more!

**What are the rewards?** Rewards come in all shapes and sizes from a text home, a positive phone call home, a Dollar given out, which can be spent on various things at our AOM Dollar shop from chocolate bars to chip queue passes and film screenings. More recognised awards are praise postcards that are sent home each week and 'Star of the Week' where you will be invited for a break time snack with Mr McConnaghie. Head of Year prize assemblies for behaviour and attendance are held at the end of each term, we also have subject prizes which are highly recognised subject awards for an outstanding member of the year group in a particular subject, these are given out annually at our annual Presentation Evening ceremony.

**Why might I get a detention?** We hope that you don't get a detention but these will be issued if you do not follow our school rules or fail to follow the school's values – shouting out, disrupting lessons, not arriving to class on time, not completing homework on time or to the best of your ability.

**When do detentions take place?** Detentions will take place at after school. Time of the detention will depend on the individual teacher.

**Will my parents know if I am given a detention?** Yes, we will inform your parents via telephone or in your pupil planner to let them know about the reason you were given a detention. We will always try to give you as much notice as possible for after school detentions.

**What should I do if I get accused of something I haven't done?** If you are not happy about something, you should wait behind after the lesson to discuss the matter with your classroom teacher. If you still feel things are unresolved let your form tutor or your Head of Year know and we will be happy to help. We also have Pupil Support Managers that you could ask for support should you need anything.

## Uniform and Standards

It is important that you look smart and a part of Ashton on Mersey school, we have extremely high standards at our school and we want you to always look presentable.

### Where can I get my uniform from?

- ✓ Official school uniform suppliers: Munkhouse, Stretford Arndale Centre, Stretford and Petites Modes, Sale.

The compulsory school uniform consists of:

### Boys:

- Blazer - burgundy with The Dean Trust Ashton on Mersey badge.
- Trousers - tailored plain black trousers, NOT fitted slimline style, skinny fit, chinos or jeans.
- Shirt - white, button collar.
- Tie - clip on, school colours.
- Socks - plain black.
- Shoes - plain all black with smooth black soles (boots, ankle boots, trainers, trainer style and canvas shoes are not allowed).
- Optional Jumper - grey with The Dean Trust logo.

### Girls:

- Blazer - burgundy with The Dean Trust Ashton on Mersey badge.
- Skirt - black elasticated box pleated skirts must be no shorter than 5cm above the knee cap.
- Trousers - black tailored with burgundy piping. Skirts and trousers must only be purchased from the official school suppliers.
- Shirt - plain white, button collar.
- Tie - clip on, school colours.
- Socks - plain black or plain black tights (socks must be below the knee cap).
- Shoes - plain all black, flat heeled with smooth black soles (boots, ankle boots, trainers, trainer style and canvas shoes are not allowed).
- Optional Jumper - grey with The Dean Trust logo.

You may wear either a Jumper but ONLY underneath not as a replacement for the school blazer. Jumpers must NOT be tucked into trousers or skirts. They MUST be purchased through the official school suppliers.

NB: If for some medical reason you cannot wear shoes then you may be allowed to wear a pair of completely black trainers. In this event, a doctor's note should be provided.

## Personal Appearance

Whilst at Ashton on Mersey school we want you to look smart at all times. Therefore, we insist that make up, eye lash extensions, nail varnish and artificial nails not allowed and extreme hairstyles are not in keeping with our good standard of appearance.

Judging whether a haircut is acceptable or not is a subjective and difficult task. However, we are firm in our opinion that haircuts should not be extreme. By this we mean that 'fashionable' haircuts such as 'steps', shaving the sides or all of the head, or other variations of these styles are unacceptable in this school. As a general rule nothing below a 'No. 3' is acceptable for boys who prefer this type of short style. When hair is short to a No. 3 the cut should be faded into the hair style, skinfades and undercuts are not allowed.

In addition to this, no extreme colours or 'dip dying' of hair are permitted. We expect all pupils to have neat and tidy hair styles. Long hair, defined as hair that reaches the shirt collar or beyond, must be tied back neatly. We also request that hair adornments are kept to a simple hair slide or hair band in school colours.

Shaving of part or all of the eyebrow is not acceptable. Pencilled/defined eyebrows are not allowed.

Jewellery, mobile phones, ipods, iwatches, airpods, ipads, headphones and smartwatches or tablets are not allowed. Pupils wear a watch at their own risk; only school badges may be worn.

Each day your form tutor will check that you are looking super smart and you are not wearing anything you shouldn't be. If you are seen using a mobile phone or wearing a piece of jewellery then this will be confiscated by the member of staff and placed in the school safe. Parents or carers can collect any confiscated items on Fridays only between 3.00pm and 5.00pm.

## Physical Education at AOM

The PE department are really looking forward to meeting you all in September, at Ashton on Mersey, we have a long tradition of 'Sport for All' in both lessons and extra-curricular. The aim of the PE department to give our pupils the best possible opportunities to be active, fit and health and develop a live long love of health and sport. I'm sure both you and your parents will have lots questions, we find most often the key questions are as follows: what do I wear for PE? What happens if I can't take part in PE lessons? What sporting activities can I get involved in after school? Hopefully, the information below will help to answer some of the questions you have.

### Physical Education Kit

#### **BOYS**

**Inside:** Black and burgundy polo shirt with The Dean Trust Ashton on Mersey School logo, black shorts, black socks, trainers

**Outside:** Burgundy and white reversible rugby jersey with The Dean Trust Ashton on Mersey School logo, a black long-sleeved base layer, black shorts, black socks. For rugby and football boys will require football boots, shin pads and a gum shield. Trainers will be needed on dry or hard outdoor surfaces.

#### **GIRLS**

**Inside:** Black and burgundy polo shirt with The Dean Trust Ashton on Mersey School logo, black shorts, black socks, trainers.

**Outside:** Black fleece with The Dean Trust Ashton on Mersey School logo, black shorts, black socks, trainers and optional boots

**\*All tops worn by pupils must have their name stitched on the front, this must be completed by the school kit provider when you purchase the clothing.**

#### **Optional**

Black tracksuit bottoms may be worn by boys and girls during cold weather at the discretion of the PE staff. Hooded tops are **NOT** allowed.

Plain black hats and gloves may be worn at the discretion of the teacher when cold. For rugby, pupils may also wear protective clothing such as a scrum hat or sport goggles.

A separate sports bag in which to place muddy kit will be required on all occasions.

## **PE Non Participants Expectations**

Any pupil not able to take part in a PE lesson due to medical issues will be expected to provide a note in their planner from their parent/carer explaining the reason why they cannot take part. A pupil who is unable to participate in PE for a prolonged period of time on medical grounds will be expected to provide a doctor's note to support the parental note.

All pupils not participating on medical grounds are still required to bring their PE kit and change, as they will still be taking part in their normal lesson, but in an alternative role that is not as an active participant.

Should you suffer from Asthma please ensure that you bring your inhaler to all lessons and hand it to your PE teacher at the start of each lesson.

## **PE Extra-Curricular**

The PE department offers a huge range of lunch time and after school clubs (see below), each half term a new timetable will be released with the clubs and activities changing depending upon the season. We also compete in a range of sporting fixtures against other schools throughout the year in friendlies and in competitions. All of these activities will be displayed on the PE notice board in the sports centre reception, on the school website, all-around school and in your form rooms. Lunch time clubs start at 12:45pm and finish at 1:10pm. After school clubs start at 3:10pm and finish between 4 - 4:30pm. If you are involved in a school fixture the finishing time will dependent on the venue and this will be communicated to you by the teacher leading the activity.

Make sure that you keep note of clubs that you want to attend, where they are and if they are a lunch time or after school club. As an incentive to take part in sport at Ashton on Mersey School, the PE department runs its own rewards system, alongside the Dollar scheme. At the start of each term you will be given a PE record sheet which pupils add to their planners and every time you attend either a lunch time or an after-school PE club you will receive a stamp on the sheet. It is really important that you get your sheet stamped every time you attend and don't lose your sheet! At the end of the term, you will count your stamps and the top 50 pupils with the most stamps get to attend an exciting trip! The most recent trip was to Total Ninja!

On the next page you can see an example of the many activities that we offer in the first half term.



### Half Term 1 Extra-curricular Sports Programme

Time	Activity	Venue	Teacher(s)
<b>Monday</b>			
<b>Lunch</b>	Football (All Years) Dodgeball Climbing	Astro Sports Hall Climbing Wall	SLT Mr Jackson Mrs Lawson
<b>After-school</b>	Cheerleading (All Years)	Dance Studio	Miss Walker
<b>Tuesday</b>			
<b>Lunch</b>	Football (All Years) Table Tennis (Yr 7) Football (Yr 7 Boys and Girls) Rock Climbing	Astro Gymnastic Studio Sports Hall Climbing Wall	SLT Mr Moors Miss Walker Mr Doody
<b>After-school</b>	Football (Yr 8/9) Fitness Hockey (All Years) Bench Ball (All year's Girls)  GCSE Dance Netball (Year 10) Rugby (Year 7)	Field Fitness Suite Astro Courts/Gymnastics Studio Dance Studio Courts Field	Mr Stead / Mr Holbrook Mr Moors Miss Plumb Mrs Bruce  Miss Walker Miss Holden Mr Locke/Mr Doody
<b>Wednesday</b>			
<b>Lunch</b>	Football (All Years) Table Tennis (Yr 8) CrossFit T Group Sports Club	Astro Gymnastics Studio Fitness Suite Sports Hall	SLT Miss Holden Miss Plumb Mrs Higgins
<b>After-school</b>  <b>The transition project will run on specific dates only</b>	OCR Catch Up Dance (All years) Fitness Girls' Football (Year 7) Transition Project (Yr 7) Football (Yr7/6 <sup>th</sup> Form) Netball (Year 9/10) Rugby Matches (Yr 7/8/9) Shred Club Ski/Snowboarding	SS01 Dance Studio Fitness Suite Astro Sports Hall Field Courts Field Chill Factore	Mrs Bruce / Mr Jackson Miss Walker Mr Moors Miss Plumb Miss Holden Mr Henderson / Mr Jackson Mrs Cooper Mr Locke/ Mr Doody Miss Mercer
<b>Thursday</b>			
<b>Lunch</b>	Football (All Years) Table Tennis (Yr 9) Dodgeball (KS3)	Astro Gymnastic Studio Sports Hall	SLT Mrs Bruce Mr Henderson
<b>After-school</b>	Football League Night Netball (Yr 7/8) Fitness Girls Football (Yr 8/9) Rugby Matches Trampolining (All Years) Football (Year 10)	Astro Courts Fitness Suite Astro Field Sports Hall Field	Mr Law / Mr Jackson Mrs Bruce / Miss Plumb Mr Moors Miss Holden Mr Locke Mrs Lawson/Mr Doody Mr Jackson
<b>Friday</b>			
<b>Lunch</b>	PE Team Meeting	PE Office	All staff



## Metacognition – Growth Mindset

If you have a growth mindset, you believe that your basic abilities can be improved further through **hard work** and **not giving up**.

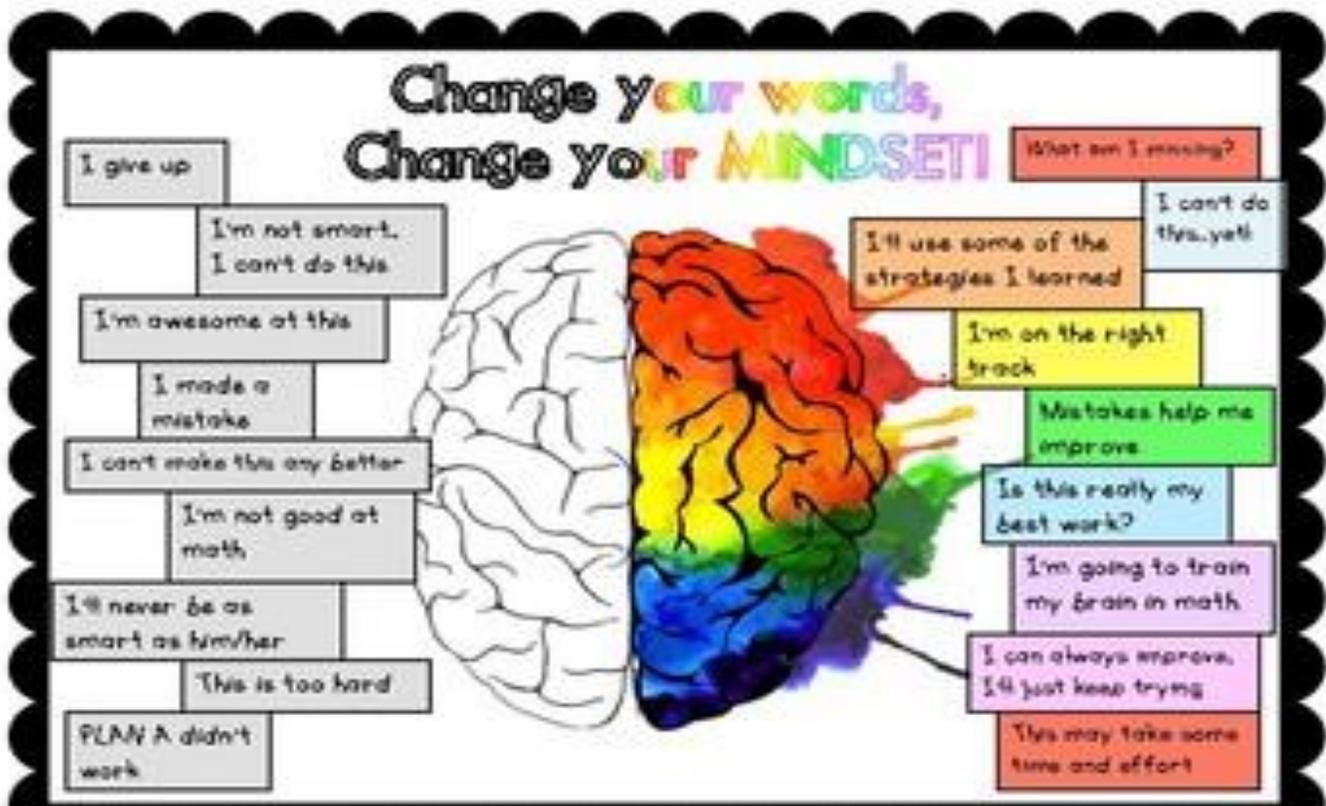
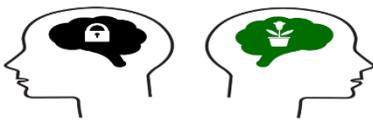
In Y7 at AoM, we want you to develop your growth mind-set; **the more you improve, the more rewards you will achieve**.

In your lessons, demonstrate a growth mind-set and your teacher will reward you with our Growth Mind-set mascot; the **Not There Yet Yeti**.

*Collect 12 Yeti stickers in your planner to collect your Bronze Award at Base Camp.*

*Move on to collect 12 more Yeti stickers to achieve your Silver Award from The Valley of Big Foot.*

*Climb to the top of Yeti Summit with a further 12 Yeti stickers to receive your Gold Award and your Yeti pin badge too.*





THE DEAN TRUST  
Ashton on Mersey School

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Can I go to the toilet during lesson?**

Unfortunately, no. Toilets are open before school, break, lunch and after school for you to use.

### **Do we have a separate lunch to other year groups?**

No, all year groups have the same lunch and break times. Lunch queues get really busy during these times. However, we do allow Year 7 pupils to go to lunch slightly earlier during their first weeks of secondary school to allow you to get used to our systems.

### **How will we know when a lesson starts?**

We have a bell system. There are different bells for lesson change over and a fire alarm, you will soon become familiar with our bell systems and we will practice where you will go during a fire drill.

### **Can we go into a classroom on our own?**

We insist that pupils line up outside the classroom, entering in silence, standing behind their chairs and wait for the teacher to greet you as pupils before sitting down.

### **Where do I store my bike?**

We have a bike shed where you can store your bike, ensure you bring a lock for your bike in order to keep it safe. You must push your bike through the playground, riding through the playground is not prohibited.

### **Can I bring a mobile phone to school?**

We ask you not to bring valuable items to school, if they get lost, stolen or damaged then this is your responsibility, not the school's. If you are seen on any device this will be confiscated and placed in the school safe, a parent must collect between 3pm and 5pm on a Friday.

### **Can I call my parent if I am ill at school?**

No, please don't do this. We advise you to follow the correct procedures in school when you are poorly. Contacting your Head of Year is important. Student Services will make calls home to parents/carers where needed.

### **If I think of a question over the summer who do I contact?**

It is really important that if you have a question you let us know so we can help you. Therefore, we have set up a pupil email address just for Year 6 pupils moving into Year 7, if you have a question please send an email to [aomyear7@aom.trafford.sch.uk](mailto:aomyear7@aom.trafford.sch.uk) or Tweet us @Year7Aom.