

Welcome to Thomas Deacon Academy

Year 7 Parent Information Evening

Wednesday 6th September

Mrs Jenny Brassington
Deputy Vice Principal -
Standards



The first day...

We were delighted to welcome your child to the Academy today and hope that they enjoyed their day.

This is the beginning of a seven year relationship with the Academy.



The first day...



Our values



The TDA Way



Our expectations

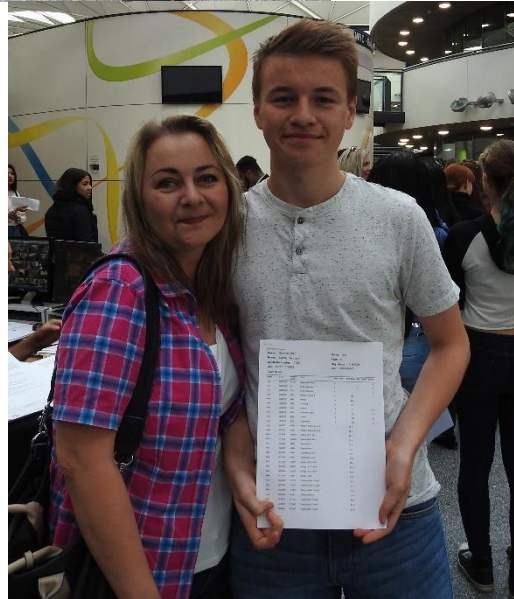
- Prepared for learning – bringing the correct equipment to every lesson (pen, pencil, ruler)
- Prepared for learning with homework completed.
- Punctual – arriving at school and at every lesson on time and not missing deadlines.
- Performing to the best of our ability and being the best we can be.
- Pride in my school – wearing the correct uniform at all times.



Attendance

Miss Giaquinto
Deputy Vice Principal Wellbeing

What success might look like...



Achievement – GCSEs have changed

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Grading new GCSEs from 2017

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	
8	A*
7	A
6	B
5	
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
U	U

GOOD PASS (DfE)
5 and above = top of C and above

AWARDING
4 and above = bottom of C and above

No longer grades – numbers from 1-9

9 is the top grade



Achievement – being successful

- All students will have a TARGET level for Year 7.
- This is based on their KS2 SATs results AND what progress we would expect them to make in their GCSEs.
- GCSEs are now graded from 1-9 (numbers not letters) and 9 is the TOP grade.
- From these two pieces of information, each year they will have a target – meet every year's target and you will reach your GCSE potential.
- The Year 7 targets will be at the lower levels so 1-3.
- All students in Year 7 need to know their target and do their very best to achieve that in all of their work.



Achievement

- In all subjects students will have regular tests and regular homework.
- They will have Checkpoint reports three times this year.
- These will help you to see how your child is performing relative to their target grade.
- The progress will be monitored and children supported to meet their target grade.
- Mrs Baker (Year 7 Achievement Coordinator) will be looking at report data and be putting in place support and intervention if necessary.



Achievement – key dates

- Tuesday 17th October – Parent-Tutor Evening
- Friday 24th November – Checkpoint 1 reports available
- Thursday 25th January – Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening.
- Friday 16th March - Checkpoint 1 reports available
- w.c. 18th June - Year 7 examinations – all subjects.
 - Maths examination (Sports Hall)
 - English examination (Sports Hall)
- Friday 6th July - Checkpoint 3 reports available



Exams this year – Year 7

Year 7 and Year 8 will have examinations that begin on 18th June.

They will have exams in all of their subjects.

Most exams will take place in lesson time but Maths and English exams will be in the sports hall.

If students want to know what is in the examinations, they need to ask their class teachers, but assume that it is everything covered this year.



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How can I help my child?

HOMework

In Year 7 students will receive approximately 30 minutes per week homework in Maths, English and Science and 30 minutes per fortnight from all other subjects.

This can all be checked on Show My Homework.

Is it possible to provide them with a quiet area to work – no TV?

Encourage students to put away all electronic devices. (Some homework might need IT but some, especially revision will need to be done on paper.)

How can I help my child?

HOMework



Miss Massey

Mrs Cook

English and Maths

**Mrs Burns
Assistant Subject
Leader for
English**

**Mr Roger
Subject Leader
for Maths**

Safeguarding at Thomas Deacon Academy

- It is our responsibility to keep all children safe in our care.
- To manage and develop the strategies for this, we have a Designated Safeguarding Lead – Miss O'Donnell, who works with the Head of House team to keep young people safe.
- If any member of staff has a concern about the safety of a child, they will contact Miss O'Donnell and look for ways to ensure their safety and support the child and/or their parents.
- If you want to speak to Miss O'Donnell about any aspect of safeguarding please contact your child's Head of House or



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Mr Mepham

Please could you remain in your seats if your child is in Milton or Highfield.

