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THE PIGGOTT SCHOOL

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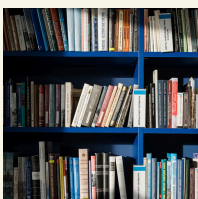
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Welcome to Year 7 !

It is with much excitement and anticipation that I welcome you to our school community. Your transition to secondary school marks a new chapter in your life and I know you are going to embrace all of the opportunities, learning and challenges that lay ahead. We hope that sharing some transition information with you before the summer will help you to feel excited, rather than nervous, as you prepare for September. Whether you are looking forward to a particular subject, meeting new people or maybe the food in the canteen, I know that you will be happy here and very quickly, you will feel like you have been here forever.

We are very proud to be Team Piggott and you are joining a community that ensures the vision and values are at the heart of school life. Respect, Equality, Honesty, Courage, Dedication and Love are the bedrock of our school and I know that you will work hard to show these values in your behaviour every day. Our vision of 'Go and Do Likewise' from the parable of the Good Samaritan reminds us of how important compassion and kindness are. The Piggott School is a place where we listen to each other, celebrate who we are and look for opportunities to help those who need us. I am looking forward to telling you more about this in September.

My top tip for you as a new Year 7 is to aim high, work hard and celebrate all of your achievements. I look forward to welcoming on your very first day at Piggott. Good luck !



WELCOME FROM MRS KENNEALLY

Hello and welcome to Year 7!

My name is Mrs Kenneally, and I am Head of Key Stage 3 as well as a PE teacher here at The Piggott School. I'm really excited to welcome you to Year 7 and to be part of your journey as you settle into this new and exciting chapter.

One of the most special things about starting Year 7 is the chance to make new friends. Everyone is in the same boat - feeling a little nervous but also excited - so don't be afraid to say hello and get to know the people around you. You'll soon build new friendships that can last for years to come.

There will be clubs to join, activities to try, and plenty of support along the way. So take every opportunity, ask questions and enjoy the adventure ahead.

We are all here to help you settle in, grow in confidence and make your time here happy and successful.

Here's to a fantastic start in Year 7!





MR WINTER

Head of Year 7

Hello, my name is Mr Winter and I am very excited to be working with you all as your Head of Year 7. My job is to look after and support each and every one of you on your journey through Piggott. I will work very closely with the Year 7 tutors and Assistant Head of Year to do this. I am a super competitive PE teacher and you can find me in the PE office opposite the boys' changing rooms before school if you need me. I am really looking forward to getting to know all of you and helping you to have a great start to Year 7. If you have any worries or questions your tutor, me and the rest of the team are here to help. See you soon, Mr Winter.



MISS HAINES

Assistant Head of Year

Hello, my name is Miss Haines and I am your Assistant Head of Year, working closely along side Mr Winter to look after and support you all. I am also a PE Teacher and will be located in the PE office if you need to find me. I am so excited to be working with you, answering any questions along the way and helping you learn and grow throughout your journey at Piggott. One piece of advice I have is to make sure you fully emerge yourself into the Piggott School community and take every opportunity that comes your way. See you all soon.



MISS RUDMAN

Key Stage 3 Pastoral Assistant

Hello, I'm Miss Rudman the KS3 Pastoral Assistant. I help support Mrs Kenneally and all the Head of Years in Key Stage 3, but I'm also here to support all of you! I'm based in the Key Stage 3 office, where you can find me for all sorts of reasons. Perhaps you're feeling worried about something, need help with something, or something as simple as not being able to find the right classroom, that's when you can come and check in with me! I'm Looking forward to meeting you all soon!



MRS HUNT

Assistant Headteacher & SENDCo

Hello, I'm Mrs Hunt and I am the SENDCo (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) for The Piggott School. Some students need a bit of extra support so that they can really enjoy school and take part in everything and it is my job to help to get that organised. I spend a lot of time working with parents and carers to make sure that we understand as much as we can about how to support everyone. I also work with our wonderful learning support assistants who provide some of the help in lessons.

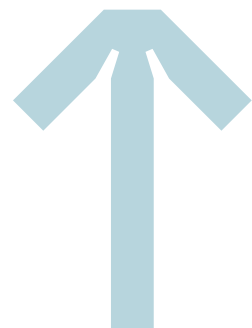


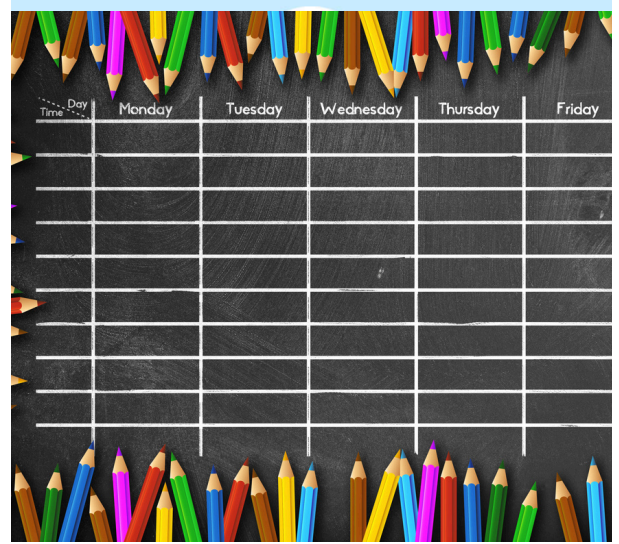
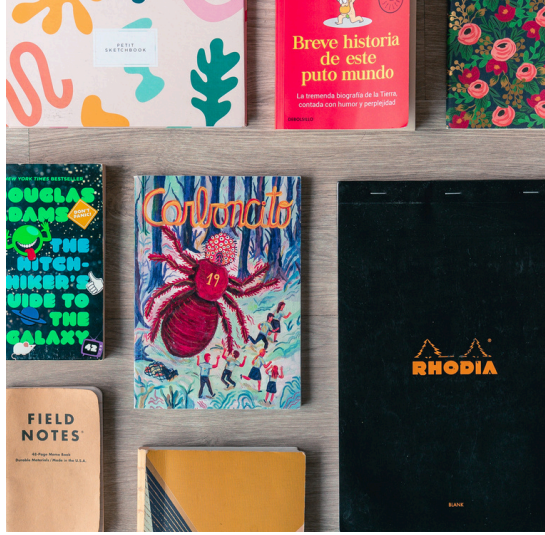
MISS REYNOLDS

Assistant Headteacher- Designated Safeguard Lead

Hello and welcome to all our new Year 7 students! I am Miss Reynolds and I am the DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead) at The Piggott School. This means that my job is to make sure that all pupils at this school are kept safe. If you are worried about yourself or anyone else you can speak to any adult at school, or you can come to see me! I am easy to find and here to listen and help.

KEY YEAR 7 STAFF





OUR CURRICULUM

Our curriculum provides a caring environment based on our Christian Vision and Values.

Students are encouraged to help each other and receive help when they need it, as exemplified by our school's Christian Vision to

‘Go and do Likewise’,
Luke 10:37, The Parable of the Good Samaritan.

Our school aims are:

- To provide a caring environment based on our Christian Vision & Values
- To develop enquiring minds capable of independent thought
- To promote the value of lifelong learning
- To be open to new ideas
- To encourage respect and tolerance

In Year 7 you will take lot of subjects- some will be similar to what you have studied in primary school, others will be brand new.

DAILY TIMETABLE

Registration: 08.30 am- 9.00am

Lesson 1: 09.00 am- 10.00am

Lesson 2: 10.00 am-11.00am

Break: 11.00 am- 11.20am

Lesson 3: 11.20 am-12.20pm

Lesson 4: 12.20 pm- 1.20pm

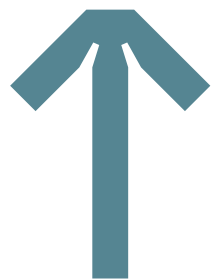
Lunch: 1.20 pm- 2.00 pm

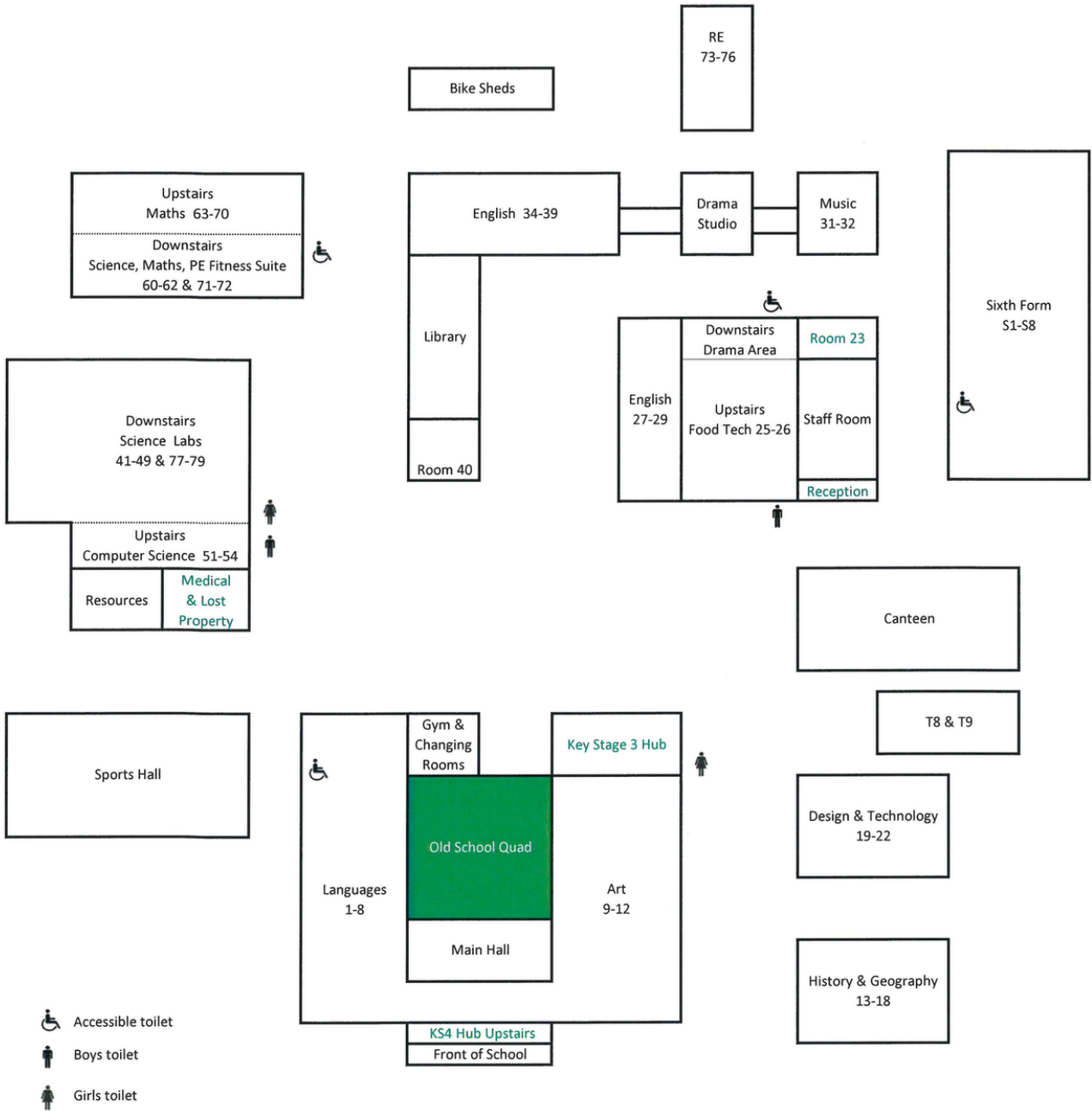
Lesson 5: 2.00 pm- 3.00pm

In September you will be issued with your own personal timetable which will tell you what lessons you have each day and in which room they take place.

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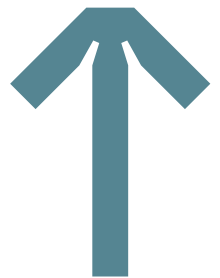
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THE PIGGOTT SCHOOL

Rooted in respectful relationships



RESPECT

We will be punctual and ready to learn.
We will respectfully listen to each other.
We will show respect to the school site and our environment.

EQUALITY

We will continue to be an inclusive school.
We will celebrate the diversity in our community.
We will treat each other fairly and respect the views of others.



HONESTY

We will tell the truth.
We will take ownership and responsibility for our behaviour.
We will be reflective, seeking to move forward positively.

DEDICATION

We will be ready for, and take pride in, our learning.
We will engage fully in all aspects of our lessons.
We will enjoy celebrating our successes, and those of others.



COURAGE

We will be brave and resilient in all that we do.
We will be accepting of challenge.
We will be independent learners, advocating for what is right.

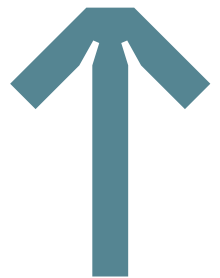
LOVE

We will enjoy respectful relationships.
We will seek opportunities to help others.
We will continue to 'Go and Do Likewise'.



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MERITS

If you do something that is particularly good, for example, a piece of work or playing in a school team etc., your teacher will award you a merit on Satchel One. Bronze, silver, gold and platinum certificates are presented at the end of each term, depending on how many merits you have collected.

Good behaviour, effort, work, punctuality and attendance are also celebrated in assembly at the end of each term.

You and your parents can monitor your merits, behaviour points and attendance via the Satchel One app.

MOBILE PHONES

For students in Year 7 to Year 11, mobile phones are only permitted for the journey to and from school, but they must be switched off and in bags for the duration of the school day.



BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

At The Piggott School, we believe that positive behaviour is essential for a calm, safe, and successful learning environment. Our school values – courage, respect, honesty, dedication, equality, and love – guide how we behave and treat one another, both in and out of the classroom.

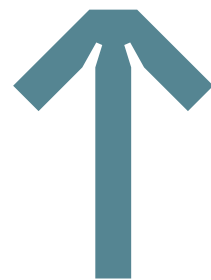
We have clear expectations so that everyone understands how to behave responsibly and respectfully. Students are encouraged to take pride in their learning, support each other, and take ownership of their actions. Positive behaviour is regularly recognised and rewarded by staff, helping to create a culture where effort and kindness are celebrated.

If things go wrong, we focus on reflection and learning from mistakes. Our aim is always to support students in making better choices and developing the confidence to succeed.

At The Piggott School, we are proud of the way our students behave, contribute to the school community, and live out the values that help everyone to achieve their best.

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ABSENCE & PUNCTUALITY

If you are absent from school, your parents must contact the school explaining the reason why. A message can be left on the school answer phone, or some parents may choose to text the school via School Comms. The reason is then marked in the class register, which is checked each week by the attendance panel.

It is important that you arrive promptly for school. If you are late and arrive during tutor time, you must sign in at your Key Stage office. If you arrive after tutor time, you must sign in at Reception. This is very important for health and safety.

If you have a medical or dental appointment during school hours, your parents should contact the school so it can be recorded on the register. Always sign out at Reception when leaving school early or arriving late.

If you need to call your parents in the day, go to reception or medical and they will help you. do not use your mobile phone.



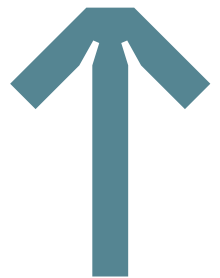
HOMEWORK

Homework is set regularly by all teachers. Satchel One is the central online resource which is used by teachers to assign homework and upload lesson resources. You and your parents can download the Satchel One app to monitor this information.

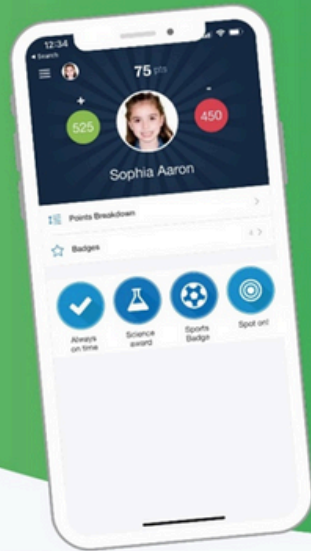
You will be provided with a user login to this platform when you start, and we encourage you to use it for accessing all resources.

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Behaviour on Satchel One!



See your Behaviour point totals

See both positive and negative points, as well as your overall total

View your behaviour history

Access your full behaviour history including reasons for points

Check your badges

Celebrate your achievements with your badge collection



Access your Behaviour details via satchelone.com

or **Satchel One** app.

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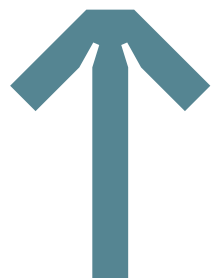
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CANTEEN

Cooked meals and snacks are served in the canteen. You are allowed to take food out of the canteen and find an alternative venue to eat if you wish. Food can be eaten in the Main Hall if it is wet. In fine weather you can eat your lunch in the Quad or any other social area on the school site. We encourage all pupils to follow a healthy lifestyle. Please do not bring fizzy, sugary, or energy drinks to school.

Our school operates a cashless canteen system via ParentPay, using secure, modern technology that removes the need for pupils to carry cash. In September, each pupil will receive a tap-and-go card linked to their individual account. Parents and carers can add funds to a student's account at any time. The cost of food and drink is deducted automatically each day. A default daily spend limit of £6 is applied to all accounts; however, this can be adjusted for individual students upon written request to the School Finance Office.



PAYMENTS

Paying for School Meals

To top up a child's canteen account, please make an online payment using the ParentPay link available on the school website.

Paying for School Trips and Equipment

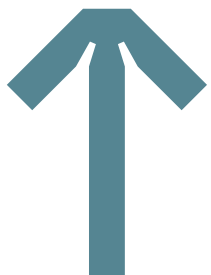
Additional payments—including those for school trips, tours, textbooks and equipment—can be made via the Scopay Online Payment System.

Full instructions, along with your child's unique activation codes for both ParentPay and Scopay, will be provided during the induction evening.

For more information on using these systems, please visit the school website: [Parents → Payments/Purchasing](#)

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BREAK, LUNCHTIME & AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES

You are normally expected to be out of the school buildings during break, unless the “wet weather” bell is rung. Snacks are sold in the canteen throughout the break period and from an outside kiosk. Ball games are allowed on the 3G and on the field in summer. Ball games in the playground are not allowed for safety reasons.

There are some clubs that are run during lunchtimes- your tutors will have an up-to-date list that they will share with your termly.

There are lots of After-School clubs available for Year 7 students. Past examples include:

- Eco Club
- Choir
- Drama Club
- Football
- Cricket
- Band
- Rounders
- Badminton



TRIPS

There are lots of exciting trips to look forward to at The Piggott School. Every trip is carefully considered to link to the curriculum and give you all opportunities to make friends and memories.

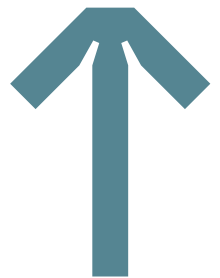
Here are just a few of the trips we offer:

- Theatre trips
- Zoo visit
- Language exchanges to France, Germany and Spain
- The Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Skiing in Austria and America
- Trips to Rome, Madrid, Geneva, Iceland, Holland, China and many more!

Your Head of Year will launch any trips with you in assembly so keep your eyes peeled!

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TUTOR TIME

Tutor time is an important time. Please be punctual and treat this time as you would any other lesson.

You meet your tutor each morning for 30 minutes.

Most letters home will be sent by email but occasionally your tutor will also give you important letters to pass to your parents. It is very important that these letters reach your parents. Please accept this as your responsibility.



ASSEMBLIES

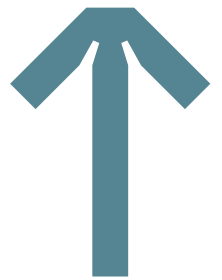
Each year group has two assemblies a week and these are held in the Main Hall and the Gym. You will be accompanied to the assembly venue by your tutor after the register has been called.

Please remember that assemblies are formal occasions.

Thank you for arriving in silence and for showing respect and good manners to the speaker and your peers.

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CHECKLIST



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Boys' uniform

Royal blue V-necked sweatshirt with school crest
White shirt
School tie
Black shoes
Black trousers: tailored only.
NOT jeans/jeans material

Girls' uniform

Royal blue V-necked sweatshirt with school crest
Open-necked white blouse
Plain tights, white or black ankle socks
Black low-heeled shoes
Black skirt (Stevensons style 3596)
Black trousers: (Stevensons style GTB-BLK-S). NOT jeans/jean material



PE KIT

Boys' PE Kit

Compulsory Items

Piggott Rugby Shirt (Royal Blue)
Piggott Polo Shirt (Royal Blue)
Piggott Shorts (Navy)
Piggott Football Socks
White Socks
Trainers
Moulded Football boots required for 3G pitch
Shin Pads

Optional Items

Piggott Track Pants (to be worn at the discretion of the PE Teacher. A recommended purchase if participating in school fixtures)
Gum Shield
Piggott Midlayer (Royal Blue)

Girls' PE Kit

Compulsory Items

Piggott Midlayer (Royal Blue)
Piggott Polo Shirt (Royal Blue)
Piggott Shorts (Navy)
Piggott Football Socks
White Socks
Trainers
Moulded Football Boots required for 3G pitch
Shin Pads
Gum Shield (for those attending hockey club)

Optional Items

Piggott Track Pants (to be worn at the discretion of the PE Teacher. A recommended purchase if participating in school fixtures)



NOT ALLOWED

Alternative jumpers, cardigans or hoodies.
"Fashion" boots, trainers, high heels or canvas shoes.
Jewellery other than a single stud in each ear.
Make-up.
Extreme hairstyles and colours, (to include patterns shaved into hair).

Your Back-to-School

CHECKLIST



EQUIPMENT

- Pens and Pencils
 - Glue stick
 - Ruler
 - Rubber
 - Pencil Case
 - Scissors
 - Geometrical equipment
 - Protractor and angle measure
 - Casio FX-83GTCW Scientific Calculator (approximately £17)
 - For Art, a 2B pencil
 - For MFL, a plastic popper wallet (for each language)
 - For MFL some plug-in headphones (approximately £5)
 - PE kit
 - Exercise books for that day
 - A bag to keep all this equipment in
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ORGANISATION

You have to carry all your books with you because you move around the school to different subject areas. Choose a bag that is not too large, waterproof, and will protect your books. Make sure it is labelled with your name. Don't leave valuables in your bag.



LOCKERS

You can hire a locker to keep your possessions in, such as your coat, PE kit, books, etc. These will be allocated in September.



LOST PROPERTY

If you have lost something, first check with student services to see if it has been handed in to lost property.

TRANSPORT

CYCLING

All students riding a bicycle to school should wear a cycle helmet at all times. Cyclists should wear light coloured and highly visual outer clothing. Students who cycle must use the side entrances to enter the school site rather than the main school gates which cars use. All cycles must be left in the cycle compound and secured with an efficient locking device. The gates of the compound are locked at 9.15am and are opened again at the end of school. All cycles may be subject to inspection by the Police for road worthiness.

WALKING

All students are expected to behave sensibly and with respect when walking to and from school. We expect students to use the footbridge when crossing the A4 and ask they enter the school site by the side entrances rather than the main vehicle entrance gates for safety reasons.

BY CAR

We encourage students to cycle, walk or take public transport to school. Where driving is the only option, car shares or dropping children away from the main school site (so they have a short walk to school) are preferred. When dropping off, or picking up from school, drivers are asked to drop in the designated areas and follow the 'snake' path around the mini roundabout. Gates will open to parents at 2.45pm.





ENGLISH

Reading is really important, and there is a wide range of books in the Library for you to borrow.

Reading challenges and competitions allow you to compete for prizes based on your reading.

English lessons are designed to take you on a journey through literature across time, so you will get to experience a wide range of texts and authors.



MATHS

We will always start with what you know. Maths can be challenging, but will be lots of fun!

It does not matter if you do not know the answer, as long as you are trying hard to work it out.

Times tables and number bonds are important, so keep practising!



SCIENCE

We do lots of safe practical lessons - these make Science fun.

You'll learn something new about the world in every lesson.

It's good to ask questions about what you learn in Science.



PRE (PHILOSOPHY, RELIGION & ETHICS)

You will learn about the six major world religions.

You will explore the School's Christian vision from the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

You will engage in big critical questions on philosophy and ethics.



MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

If you have French on your timetable, you will build on any prior knowledge that you already have and develop your skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing.

If you have Spanish or German as well, you will start with the basics like key sounds, words that look similar to English words, numbers, describing yourself, etc.

To support your learning, we will use a number of online applications and tools such as Duolingo, Memrise and Quizlet.

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GEOGRAPHY

You will start the course by learning about the seven natural wonders of the world and how people interact with them.

We focus on developing your geographical skills throughout the year, such as map-reading, using an atlas and learning about GIS (Geographical Information Systems).

We encourage all students to get involved, share their knowledge and support the learning of others.



DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

In Year 7 & 8, there are three projects in different material areas - Electronics, Materials (wood and plastic) and Graphics.

You will learn how to work safely, how to solve problems and design creative products.

You will learn how to design and make functional products by developing practical skills such as soldering, marking out, using hand tools to cut and shape materials.



FOOD TECHNOLOGY

In year 7 and 8 you will cook and taste a range of dishes whilst learning about healthy eating and having a varied diet.

You will learn the following skills: weighing and measuring, hygiene and safety rules, precision cutting, peeling, grating, making doughs, sauces and batters.

You will be expected to organise your ingredients at home, by weighing and measuring accurately. You will need to bring in suitable containers to transport your food, to and from home.



HISTORY

You will start the course by looking at the Vikings. You will then move on to focus on The Middle Ages, beginning with the Battle of Hastings in 1066.

In the Autumn Term you will study lots of interesting things, including castles and a famous murder!

We do lots of work in groups, and we love it when students have a lot to say about History.



DRAMA

You will learn about drama strategies, medium and elements to create performance work.

You will build in confidence, working with others (team work), and experiment with creative choices – using your imagination.



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ART

Lessons will be based around exciting projects, encouraging you to explore the world around you.

You will be encouraged to work and experiment with a variety of materials such as oil pastels, paint, printmaking, clay and collage.

The majority of your materials will be provided, but please make sure you have a 2B pencil, rubber and pencil sharpener before your first lesson.



PE

During your first year at The Piggott, you will participate in a number of different sports, which include: football, rugby, netball, handball, cricket, athletics, rounders, softball, basketball, badminton, short tennis, dance, gymnastics, outdoor adventurous activities, fitness & lifestyle lessons.

You will be assessed through our Head, Heart & Hands assessment model. Some of the concepts we focus on include: tactical awareness, leadership, respect, confidence, technique & competitiveness.

Lots of co-curricular clubs will be on offer throughout the year, following the curriculum sports.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

In Computer Science, it's not all about what you know but also how you use your knowledge to solve problems.

Programming, and knowledge of how computers work and communicate, will be the two main aspects of your Computer Science lessons.

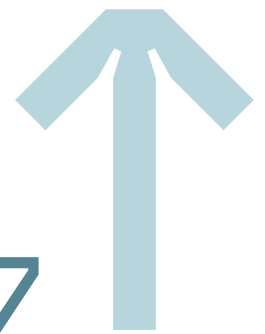
In lessons, we will learn how to use computing skills in the future, in any career of your choice.



MUSIC

If you have instrumental or vocal lessons in primary school (e.g. piano, guitar, violin, singing lessons), you should be able to continue with these at The Piggott. Coming here is also a good time to consider starting to learn an instrument if you have not done so before.

In class, you will take part in a variety of group practical activities including singing, creating your own music and performing.



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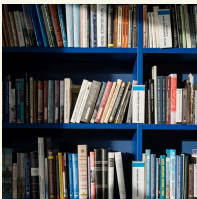
WHAT DO I DO ON MY FIRST DAY OF YEAR 7?

Your first day is Thursday 4th September. Year 7 and Year 12 will be the only students in school that day. You should come to the playground for 8.30am where your tutor will meet you and take you to your tutor base. You will have an extended tutor time where you will be given your timetable, and your tutor will go through any questions you have. You will then attend the rest of your timetabled lessons for that day. Don't worry if you've got PE on that day- you won't be expected to have your kit with you.



WHAT DO I DO IF I DON'T KNOW ANYONE IN MY TUTOR GROUP OR CLASSES?

Try not to worry if you don't know anyone- most students will be in the same position. Your teachers will put you into seating plans for your lessons and will organise tasks to help people get to know each other. You will be able to meet up with friends at breaks and lunchtime. Your Head of Year will also organise some activities for anyone that wants to meet new people at breaks and lunchtimes. If you are worried or lonely you can always speak to your tutor and they can help you.



WHO DO I SPEAK TO IF I HAVE A QUESTION OR WORRY?

The best person to speak to in the first instance is your tutor. You will see them every morning and they will get to know you well. If you need to see someone during the day you can go to the Key Stage 3 Hub. If you have a worry at break or lunchtime there will be teachers on the playground and fields that you can talk to. If you are unsure of where to go you can see the friendly ladies in Reception who will help you.



WHAT DO I DO IF I FORGET MY HOMEWORK OR DON'T UNDERSTAND MY HOMEWORK?

Homework is set on Satchel so you need to check the details and due dates on there. You can download the Satchel app to your phone or computer at home. If you don't understand the homework you can speak to the teacher or email them and ask for help. You will need to be organised so that you don't leave this until the last minute. If you forget your homework, you need to tell the teacher. You may be given a detention depending on the circumstances but the teachers are fair and will talk to you about what has happened.



WHAT IF I NEED THE TOILET OR WANT TO FILL UP MY WATER BOTTLE DURING LESSONS?

Students are not permitted to go to the toilet or to fill up their water bottles during lessons unless they have a 'toilet pass' which is given to those with a medical need. Students should organise themselves so they use the bathroom or water machines at breaks and lunchtimes.



TOP TIPS FROM OUR CURRENT YEAR 7 STUDENTS

- Don't worry about asking teachers or other students for help.
- Be prepared to make new friends and don't forget your old ones.
- When possible, do your homework on the day it is set. That way you will be able to organise yourself.
- Don't worry about getting lost – never be afraid to ask for help from a teacher - they don't bite, honest!
- Make sure you are fully equipped for your lessons.
- Be organised with your PE kit, your homework and your food technology ingredients. Use your locker to help you.
- Make new friends by going to clubs and enjoy all the extra activities available to you.
- Be smartly dressed and wear your uniform with pride.
- Remember this is an opportunity to start afresh - make the most of it!
- We were in your position this time last year, so there is no need to worry; you will settle into The Piggott School very quickly.

Enjoy!

Autumn Term 2025

INSET: Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Years 7 & 12 only back to school: Thursday 4th September 2025

All year groups back to school: Friday 5th September 2025

INSET: Thursday 23rd October 2025

Half Term: Friday 24th October 2025 – 31st October 2025

INSET: Friday 28th November 2025

School closed to staff & students: Monday 1st December 2025

Last day of term: Friday 19th December 2025

Christmas break: 22nd December 2025 – 2nd January 2026

Spring Term 2026

Spring term starts: Monday 5th January 2026

Half Term: Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February 2026

Last day of term: Friday 27th March 2026

Easter break: Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April 2026

Summer Term 2026

Summer term starts: Monday 13th April 2026

Bank Holiday – Monday 4th May 2026

Half Term: Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2026

Last day of term: Friday 17th July 2026

Summer break: 20th July 2026 – September 2026

INSET Monday 20th July 2026

INSET Tuesday 21st July 2026



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