

Our Ref: JGI  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**RE: Year 7 - Start of Term Arrangements Reminder**

We are looking forward to welcoming your Year 7 child to The Duston School on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, please find below a reminder of the start of term for Year 7 pupils.

**Wednesday 3rd September**

The school is open for **Year 7 and Year 12 pupils only**. Year 7 pupils should arrive at 08.25am in full school uniform, **with a packed lunch and a water bottle**. Pupils entitled to a free school meal will have one provided. Pupils do not need to bring PE kit on the first day.

During the first days of term pupils will register to pay electronically in the canteen. Once this process is complete this will allow your child to purchase food at lunch time if they wish. They will also be issued with a TDS book bag if you have not already purchased a rucksack. Pupils will also be provided with a pencil case containing basic stationery essential for school.

Year 7 pupils will learn what House they are in and will be given a House badge to display on their blazer alongside their purple flash. This badge will be distributed to pupils during their first few days and will need to be ironed on to their school blazer. Full instructions for this can be found here: [The Duston School - Uniform](#)

School will finish at the usual time of 14:50pm on the Wednesday and pupils can make their own way home. If you are arranging to collect your child, please make sure that they know where to meet you.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

The school is open **for Year 7 and 13 pupils** only. Pupils should again arrive at 8.25am for line-ups and they will depart at 14.50pm. Pupils will also need a packed lunch for this day and pupils entitled to a free school lunch will continue to have one provided.

**From Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

**All pupils** return to The Duston School and Year 7 pupils should arrive at school for 08.25am. The school day will end at 14.50pm.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

On this evening we will be inviting Year 7 parents into school to meet their child's form tutor. We will send a letter out in the next few weeks to provide more information.

Yours faithfully,  
Jennifer Giles  
**Assistant Principal**

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