



Dear parent/carer,

We are really looking forward to welcoming your son/daughter to the academy in September. To ensure students have some transition, we have planned an induction day for them to get to know their College team, tutor and class mates on their first day at school (**Tuesday 7th September 2021**). They will also take part in some lessons and be able to familiarise themselves with the school site before starting their timetabled lessons the day after (**Wednesday 8th September 2021**).

Dates for your diary

- **COVID Testing Opportunity – Monday 6th September 2021** (Testing slot based on College Group)
- **First Day at School (Induction)- Tuesday 7th September 2021** (Normal Day - 8:25am-3:05pm)

COVID Testing Opportunity (Monday 6th September 2021)

The academy will begin its reopening on 3rd September 2021, as previously advertised. However, not all students will return on this date as the Government has requested that all students (who opt-in) attend the academy once they have a Lateral Flow Tests (LFT), in school. Students in Year 7, if parents have consented, will have their testing opportunity on Monday 6th September 2021. Students will attend only for the test and then go straight home after they have been tested. Students will not be expected to be in full school uniform on this day. Our testing centre is located in K2, the smaller standalone block towards the bottom end of the car park. All Year 7 students will start school on Tuesday 7th September 2021 for their first day and have their induction whether they have or have not tested at school the previous day.

For more information regarding this process please see the letter sent to all students/parents at the end of term https://www.kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk/?wpfb_dl=348

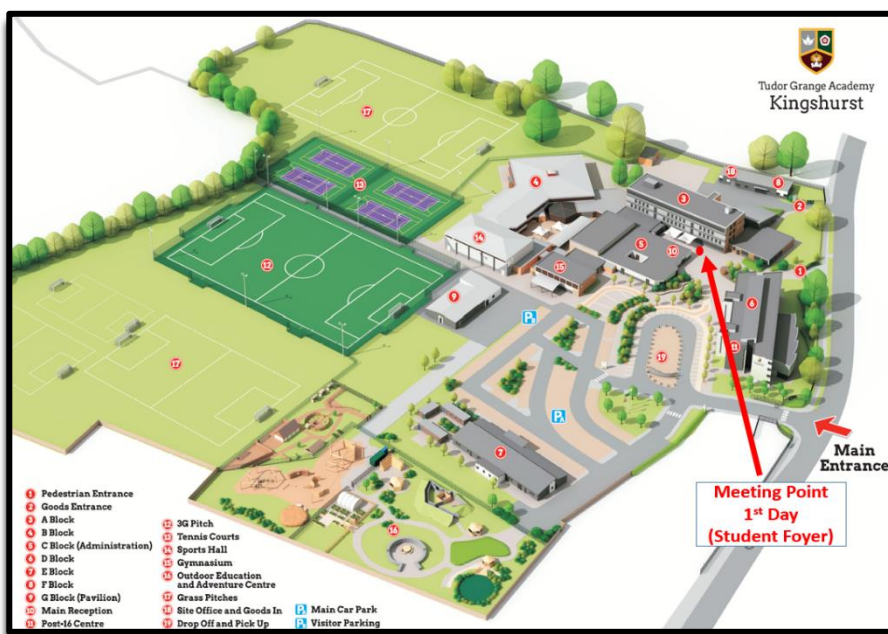
Year 7 Testing Schedule (Monday 6th September 2021)

College	Newton	Tull	Pankhurst	Hawking
Testing	8:30-9:30am	10-11:00am	11:30am-12:30pm	1:00-2:00pm

Year 7 First day at school (Induction Day – Tuesday 7th September 2021).

This will allow students to meet their new College team and have a tour of the site. This day will also allow us to complete important administration tasks, such as the thumb prints and ID card pictures, prior to term start. Students are to make their way to the Student Foyer located in the main school block (staff will be around to direct) where there will be a brief year group assembly to formally welcome them into the school. Students will start their timetabled lessons the day after on **Wednesday 8th September 2021**.

Please note - Students are to be in full academy uniform from **Tuesday 7th September 2021**.



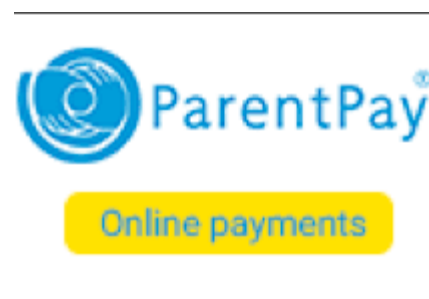
My Child at School (MCAS) App Registering



You should have received an email with codes to set up your MCAS account. You will also be able to download the Parent App or use it directly online. The benefit of having this app will allow you to have live access to information about your son/daughter. This includes attendance (including lesson by lesson), reports and behaviour events (positive and negative) and detention notification. You can also use the app to receive and send messages to the school. We are aiming for this to be our main communication method with parents by the end of the year. Please email office@kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk if you have not received a registering email from My Child at School. Please also check your junk/spam email in case it has been directed to that inbox.

Cashless Catering System

The school operates a cashless catering system. Parents can preload money onto their child's account in two ways; ParentPay, will continue to be our normal online payment service that most of you will be familiar with. The second option is via Pay point Top up cards where payment, in cash, can be made at local Pay point stores. Please ensure students' accounts are topped up in advance of starting in September. **Information/access codes on how to set these up are included in the posted version of this newsletter, which should be received in the week beginning 16th August 2021.**

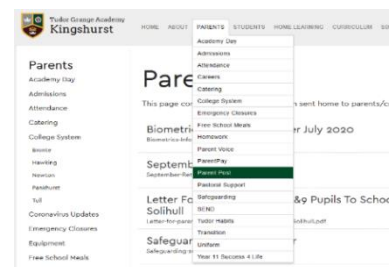


Students receiving free school meals will continue to get their daily allowance automatically added to their account each day. Please note that any monies not spent from the daily free meal allocation will not be carried over to the next day.

A letter explaining the cashless catering system is also on our website in Parent Post for your reference. I have included the link here for you to access this letter - https://www.kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk/?wpfb_dl=207

Have you checked out the Transition Page and Parent Post? <https://www.kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk/parents/transition/>

Please continue to check the website for the latest updates. Try to also get used to checking the Parent Post page weekly for any letters that have been recently published. This is located in the Parents' section of the website. Link to Parent Post - <https://www.kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk/parents/parent-post/>



Virtual Tour (Google Maps Style)



This tour allows you to select the rooms and blocks to have a self-guided "Google Map" style tour around the school.

Virtual Tour Video



This is a virtual tour of the blocks and includes a welcome from the college leaders and other senior members of staff at the school as you are guided around the academy



Have you followed our official academy Facebook page?
<https://www.facebook.com/Tudor-Grange-Academy-Kingshurst-103832271934599>



Have you received Text or Email messages from us?

We have sent out a couple of texts and emails since the end of June. If you have not received these then we may not have your up to date number and you therefore risk missing important information from the school.

Could you please email Miss Natalie Grady, ngrady@kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk, to update and check your contact details with us.



Uniform update (Online ordering and shop collection)



PB Sports will continue to only accept online orders for School uniform. The 'Click and Collect' will be in operation until mid-September. When orders are placed, a notification will be sent by text or email as soon as the order is ready to collect.

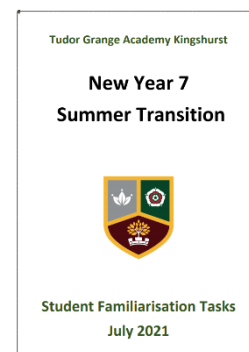
If there are any problems with sizes, there will be no problem exchanging items as needed. Most uniform items are in stock and turnaround of orders is usually within a day or two at most. Please do check the uniform guide before purchasing uniform items.

Address: Waterloo Avenue, Chelmsley Wood Industrial Estate, B37 6QQ. Tel: 0121 770 8000.
Sports Online Shop - <https://shopify.pbsportonline.co.uk/collections/tudor-grange-academies-trust>

Please do check the uniform guide before purchasing uniform items.

Has your son/daughter completed the Familiarisation workbook?

The student familiarisation tasks included with the Newsletter in July is a series of tasks for students to complete over the summer, with your help, to familiarise themselves better with their new College group and school in general. This booklet can also be downloaded from the Transition webpage. Link https://www.kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk/?wpfb_dl=322



What do I need to do if I need to contact someone?

If you require any further information about transition, starting the academy or just want to let us know about something, please see a list of the key people below.

Transition Leader	Mr Lee Parfitt	lparfitt@kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk
Admission queries	Miss Natalie Grady	ngrady@kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk
SEND queries	Mr Thomas Holder	tholder@kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk
Medical queries	Miss Jessica Hines	jhines@kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk
School Admin Office	0121 329 8300	office@kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk

College Leader – Contact Details

Bronte	Mr Gulfam Shahzad	GShahzad@kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk
Hawking	Miss Emma Ivery	EIvery@kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk
Newton	Miss Beth Bourne	BBourne@kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk
Pankhurst	Miss Rebecca Hill	ReHill@kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk
Tull	Mr Lee Parfitt	LParfitt@kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk

Tips for the start of term

You may be wondering what will happen on your first day of term so we thought we'd put together a few guidelines for you to make sure you have a good start and make a good first impression!

- 😊 Arrive on time. School starts at 8:25am.
- 😊 Make sure you know your meeting point. See map on first page of this newsletter.
- 😊 Arrive smartly dressed in correct full academy uniform. You must have a blazer, tie, jumper (optional until October half term), shirt, grey trousers or pleated skirt, black shoes and no jewellery apart from one small pair of stud earrings, if you want to wear them.
- 😊 Make sure that you bring a pencil case with black and green pens, pencil, ruler, rubber, glue and calculator.
- 😊 Remember to put your name on all belongings – the academy is a big place and if you lose anything which is not named, it would be very difficult to track it down.
- 😊 You will spend time with your form tutor in the morning so they can get to know you and your classmates, as well as explaining the academy rules and routines. You will also be given your planner and timetable.
- 😊 You will take part in some sample lessons throughout the day and have a tour of the school.
- 😊 You will have your thumb print taken so you can access catering and photocopying services and also have your ID card photo taken. So make sure you look your best! 😊
- 😊 Bring your completed work from the Summer project to earn your first reward stickers.
 - Pen Portrait for your new Form Tutor
 - College Research Task for your College Leader
 - Map Puzzle. Did you find the 10 letter word?
- 😊 Eat breakfast before you come to school.
- 😊 Check your parents have put money on your catering account so you can get snacks at brunch and lunch. In the first couple of days you may want to bring a pack lunch in until you get used to the catering systems.
- 😊 If you should get lost during the day or need any help, go to Student Services where there will be your College Admin to assist you.
- 😊 Make sure you have also planned how to get home at the end of the school day. Plan and practise your journey if you are travelling by bus, bike or walking before you start in September, so you are familiar with it. If meeting parents, organise where you are going to meet them in advance. Members of the leadership team are always on the gates at the end of school, so if you are unsure of anything please ask for their help if needed!

You will soon get used to the academy life and its friendly atmosphere. Your Form Tutor is there to help you settle in as quickly as possible. Listen carefully to any instructions which are given and you will have no problems. Most of all – enjoy your time at TGA Kingshurst. We really look forward to sharing this exciting journey with you!

Equipment

The following items are to be brought into the academy each day.

Equipment checks will be conducted at the beginning of each day, in registration time, to ensure the student is "Ready to Learn" and has the correct equipment to access learning tasks in their lessons.



- 2 Pens (Black)
- Green Pen (For making improvements to work)
- 2 Pencils
- Pencil Sharpener
- Eraser
- Ruler (minimum 15cm)
- Glue Stick
- Colouring Pencils
- Highlighter
- Maths Calculator (Casio fx-83GT plus)
- Named Pencil Case
- Reading Book
- ID Card
- Bag (big enough to hold A4 folder)



Mobile Phones

Phones are not to be used whilst on the school site during normal school hours, this includes any headphones or MP3 players.

If phones are seen or heard on the academy site, then they will be confiscated. A second confiscation will require the parent/ carer/ nominated adult to collect the phone from the school admin office.