

Welcome, parents



Class of 2033

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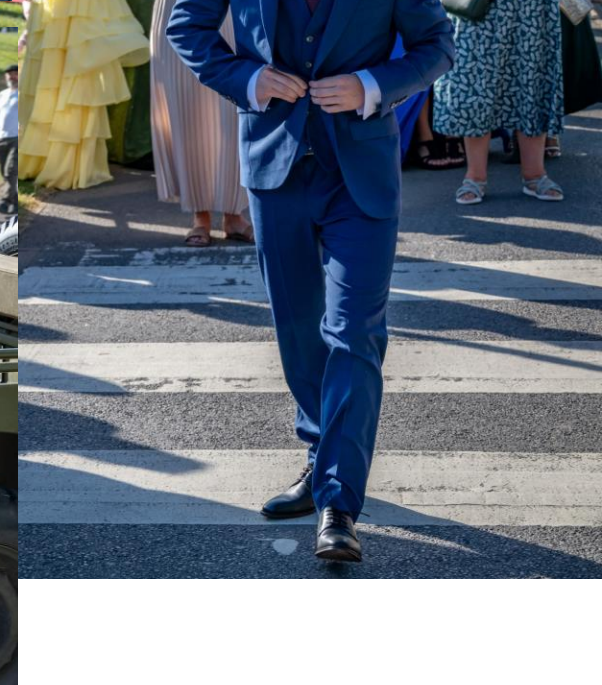


Class of 2026 - Prom



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**What can you expect when your children
join The Blandford School?**

We will...

- Help them enjoy and achieve at school
- Encourage them to fulfil their potential
- Look after them and keep them safe
- Help them find new friends
- Provide extra curricular activities for them to discover new passions
- Give them a great education over 5 (or 7) years via the TBS Way!



Respect



Effort



Attitude



Perseverance
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Who to contact

Ms M Wheatley
Head of Year 7

mwheatley@blandfordschool.org.uk

Meet the tutors....

Mr Charlesworth – 7CHR

I have been teaching Maths for 11 years, at The Blandford School since 2024.

I love sport – in particular, watching Rugby and playing Cricket.

I enjoy being outdoors with my family – my daughter is 7 and keeps us very busy!



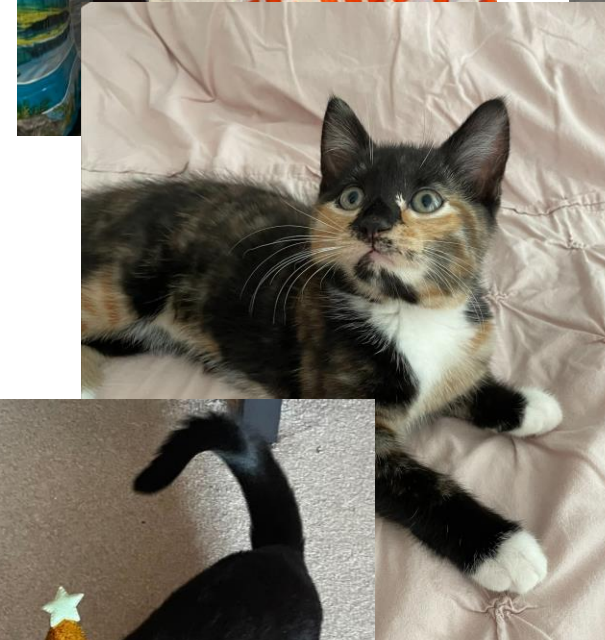
Miss Channon – 7CHA

The subject that I teach is **Food and Nutrition**

I have been teaching at The Blandford School since 2017 (teaching since 2005)

Some facts about me...

- I love colour!
- I love to crochet
- I have two cats and a kitten
- My favourite band is the Dualers



Miss Healy – 7HEA

I am a music teacher and specialise in BTEC and all things drums and percussion

I love pink, animals (especially dogs) and I have an extensive classroom frog collection

I love all music, but my guilty pleasures are anything classical, big band and film music



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Mr Hintze – 7HIN
7 Years @ TBS
Science – Physics

Things I love - Family, DIY

Favourite music - The Feeling, Sabrina Carpenter

Sport - Climbing



Mrs Lovell-Dyer – 7LOV

(or as one of the Year 6s asked me on transfer day “is your name Mrs Lovely Dubley?”)

I teach maths here at
The Blandford School.

I have worked at The
Blandford School for 6
years.

I am a big reader.



I love to sing and am
famous for my maths
songs!

I am active and love to
dance, jog and do
pilates!

Something interesting about me:
I am the youngest of 6 and have 15 nieces
and nephews!!!

Mr Opalka – 7OPA

I teach Business Studies and Economics and I have worked at The Blandford School since 2004.

Before that I taught in London and overseas.

I have 4 children who all came to TBS (and loved it here). My youngest, Nell, has just left Year 13.



Miss Parsons – 7PAL Head of Art.

I love to be creative, both within art and with acting, I really enjoy travelling and have been to 70 countries so far. (and I like cats and cheese - but not necessarily together)



Mrs Roberts – 7ROB

The subject I teach is English.

I have worked at The Blandford School since 2024.

I love stories, books and reading. I also adore dogs and I have one of my own, a scruffy Border Terrier named Scout.

My favourite thing to do is to take Scout to new places and go for a walk to explore the area and see the views and the wildlife.

I am determined to see some Otters here in Blandford, as I have never seen one.



It's good to talk

- If you would like to speak to one of us, pick up the phone or email.
- We can help you best if your message gets to the right person so if you contact the main office, try to give some details.
- Staff will respond within two working days.
- If you need a more urgent response, please tell us.
- Usually, your child's tutor is the first point of call.

Who to contact



- Designated Safeguarding Lead
- kburrows@blandfordschool.org.uk

If your child is ill you will need to call the attendance line.

For urgent email enquiries

Office@blandfordschool.org.uk
guidanceandwelfare@blandfordschool.org.uk

For other enquires.

Please remember that teachers / tutors will have lessons throughout the day and will therefore not be able to respond to emails immediately

- Your child's tutor E.g. Mr Hintze
 - Mrs Wheatley – HoY 7
- Ms Mottaghi- Associate Assistant Headteacher
 - Mr Hayball – Inclusion Lead

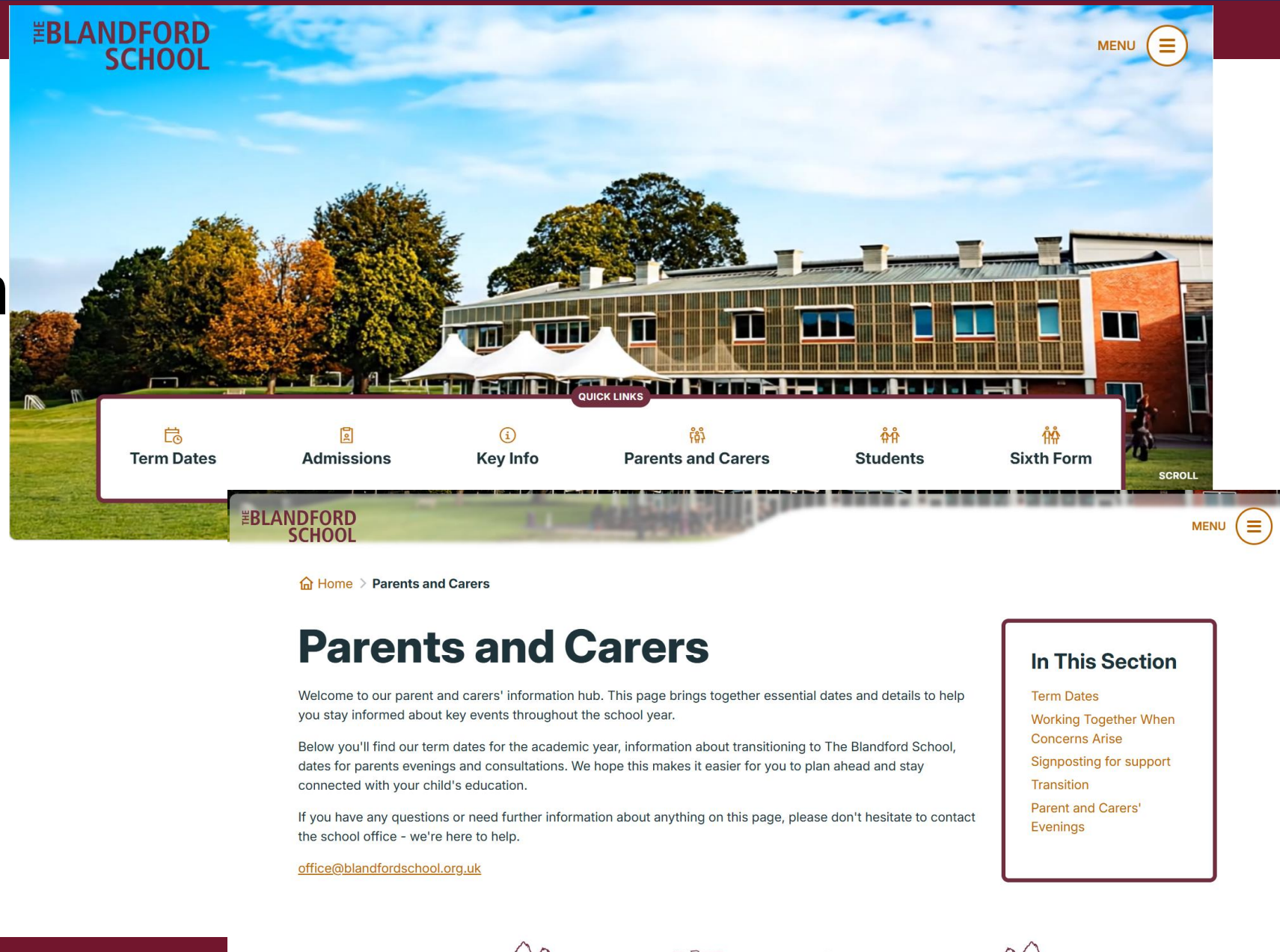
Practical
information...

TBS Website

Information

Policies

Support



GETTING READY FOR YEAR 7

These are ways that you can help yourself to be ready for Year 7. (Thank you to students, teachers and parents of The Blandford School and our primary schools for working together to make this list.)



1

Practise changing into PE kit, including tying your own laces for trainers and football boots. If you haven't mastered the skill of tying laces, YouTube has some clear videos to guide you.

2

At TBS, you will be expected to have your own pencil case and look after your items well each day. Perhaps you already have one. Maybe you would like to get one now to practise for Year 7. There is information in this pack about what to include.

6

It seems to be a growing trend that Year 7 students feel they need a smartphone when they start at our school. However, this is absolutely not the case. A simple non-smartphone—or even no phone at all—is perfectly fine.

3

Start talking to people at home about how you are going to get to school and home again. Some students get the bus from the bus stop in school, some walk/scoot/cycle home, some are collected in the Leisure Centre. Who will you walk with? How will your family know you are safe?

4

Talk to people at home about your feelings. How do you feel about the move up to Year 7? What are you looking forward to? Is there anything you are worried about? (Nothing is too small.)

7

Think about your morning/evening routines and start talking to your family about what this will be like. It is likely that you will have more responsibility for making sure that your uniform is ready and that your bag is packed the night before.

5

Most Year 6 students worry about getting lost at TBS. You are not alone! We will be sending a map home to look at over the summer. When Mr Spry visits you, he will talk through the layout of the school. When you come on transfer day, students will take your tutor group round. Before you know it, you will be absolutely fine without a map or guide!

9

This could be the most important one: start talking about whether you are going to have hot meals at school or a packed lunch (or maybe a mixture). Remember to eat breakfast! Apparently, it's the most important meal of the day because it means you can concentrate far more in your lessons and keep going until breaktime.

8

Read every day. At TBS, we love books and have a great Library. We read every day with our tutors together, out loud and on our own.

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Finally, make sure that you take the opportunities to visit our school and find out more about the place you will soon be calling your 'school home'.



Practice being Year 7 Ready!

Entering a new school in Year 7 can be quite daunting but just remember you are in control of so many things.

Take the opportunity to:

- Make a positive first impression
- Try something new – a club or subject
- Get involved and contribute.
- Meet new people and make new friends
- Support other people
- Impress us with your effort, and positive attitude
- Be the version of you that you want to be



Equipment Check

Pen



Ruler



Eraser



Green Pen



Reading Book



Pencil

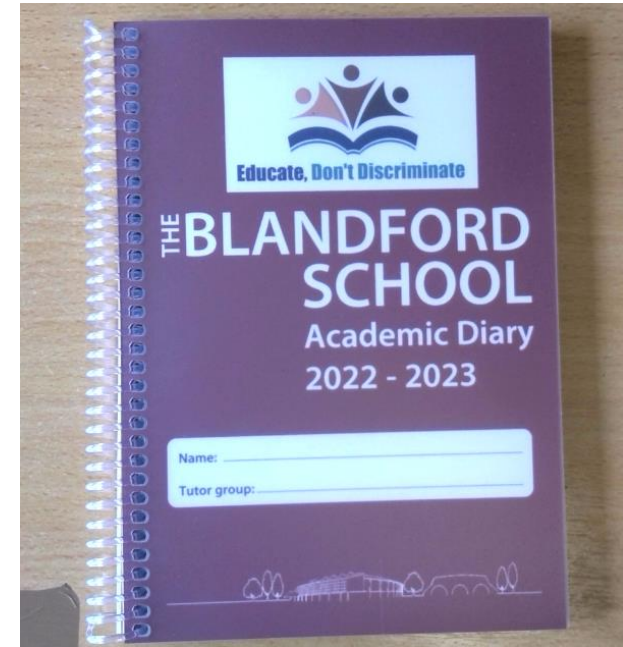


Sharpener



Diary

This will be provided on your first day in in September



We are going to be very clear....



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Uniform

- ✓ Everyone will wear the clip-on tie.
- ✓ Jumper OR cardigan.
- ✓ Steel grey pleated skirt or
- ✓ Steel grey trousers.
- ✓ Plain black, grey or white socks.
- ✓ Black tights.

Uniform list (with more detail) will be sent home and is on our website.



Shoes need to be plain black and leather or 'leather look'. No decorations.

A few examples:



PE uniform

- ✓ Maroon TBS rugby shirt or Maroon polo shirt with TBS logo
- ✓ Black shorts or black netball skirt
- ✓ (tight-fitting or lycra shorts are not acceptable)
- ✓ Black football socks
- ✓ Trainers with non-marking soles
- ✓ Football boots (plastic/nylon or moulded studs are the only acceptable type for the synthetic turf pitch (STP)).

Please note that 'astro-trainers' are not suitable for use on the STP)



Physical Education at TBS

- Students should always bring kit regardless of illness or injury
- Illness or Injury – note required (still bring kit)
- Please name kit in case of students misplacing it (much easier to return to owner)

3G Pitch Acceptable Footwear



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School Web Store Live!

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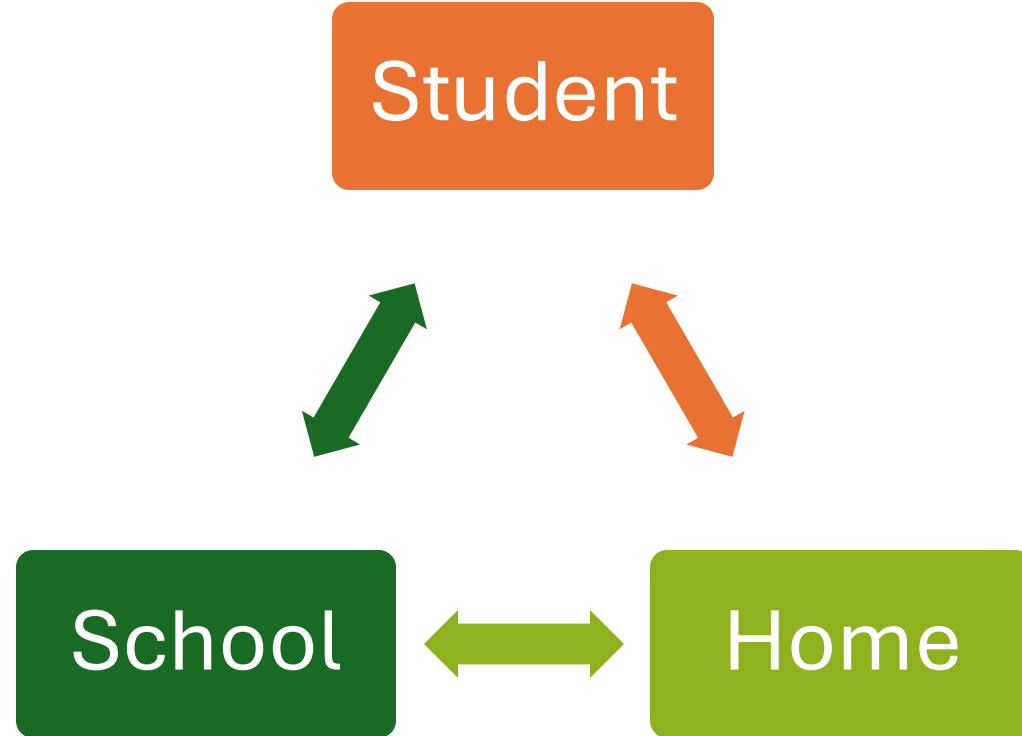
Two options to
purchase uniform

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Home – School Partnership

- Diary
- Attendance
- Communication
- Homework
- REAP
- Parent sims
- Parents' Evenings
- Newsletters
- Routines



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Year 7 Homework Timetable 2026-2027

Year 7 will use knowledge organisers for homework, they will be expected to use these to learn the key knowledge that will aid their learning in lessons. They will be expected to self-quiz for 30 minutes per subject and teachers will check this work in their lessons. Students will be taught how to do this at the start of Year 7. They should also ensure that they read for 30 minutes each day.

Week	
Monday	Science English Reading
Tuesday	Maths French Reading
Wednesday	English Geography Reading
Thursday	RE Science Reading
Friday	Maths History Reading

Homework

Week 1-4	No Homework
Week 4-7	1 x Maths 1x English
Half Term onwards	Homework timetable commences

Mobile phone policy: No smart phones in Year 7

Why the change?

- Increased focus in school; Encourage time away from social media and develop social skills

How to manage as a parent:

- Tracking children across their journey to and from school:
GPS devices such as the Apple AirTags and similar hardware remain permitted under the policy.

- Contact during the journey, or for communication of changed arrangements

A limited range of non-smart mobile phones may be used for journeys to and from school. These must be switched off and kept in bags during the school day. If contact is needed during the day, students can attend their Year Office and be given permission to use their phone. **Examples:** easy phone prime a6; maxcom mm 135 lite; oakcastle F101 (£17)

3. Payment for buses

Bus passes remain paper based for our students

FREE — FREE TALK FOR PARENTS —

SMARTPHONES & CHILDHOOD

The new guidance every parent needs to understand



Why governments are changing the rules

What the research really says

Practical advice without fear or guilt



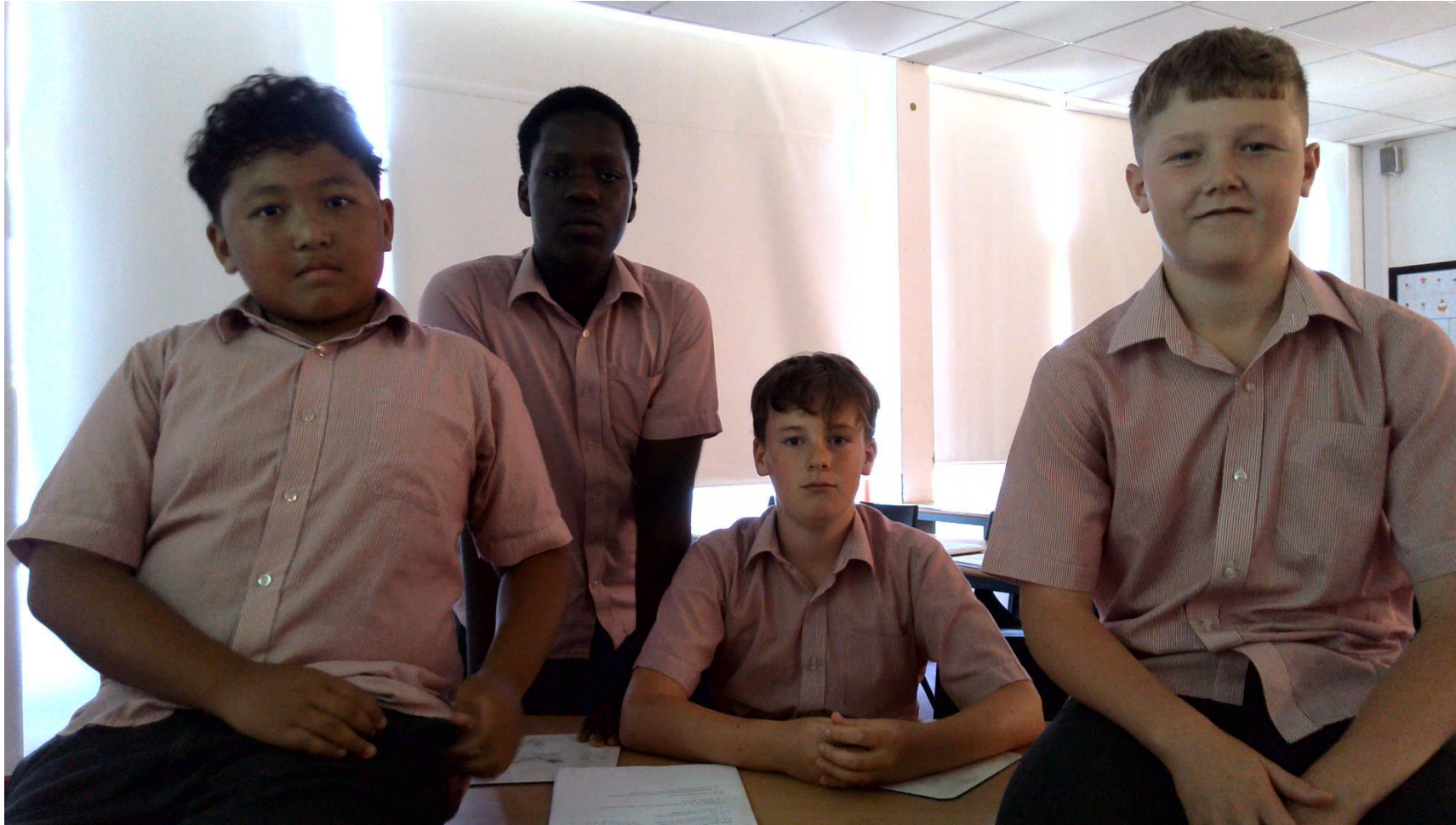
ADHD and so much more!
the new parenting app from FACE

FACE Parenting
Courses & Talks |
ADHD, Behaviour
& More

Attendance



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Parent Pay



Parent pay will be set up before we break for Summer. We will send every parent their unique identifying log in and user name . Look out for the email!

Parent SIMs APP



You will receive an email between now and September. Please use the link to login. We communicate achievement points through SIMs.



Important Dates for September/October:

- Friday 4th September – Start School (Yr7 & 12 only)
- Tuesday 15th September – School Photos
- Friday 2nd October – Staff Training Day
- Thursday 8th October – Meet the Tutor Evening

It might be big school, but they are still
very little.