



Year 7 Student Guide

September 2026

Welcome to Kineton High School

We're looking forward to having you join us in September. You're at the start of an exciting 7 year journey that will see you have many fantastic opportunities to develop into a young adult able to 'Achieve your personal best'. As our school motto suggests, we're focused on making sure that our journey together is filled with opportunities to succeed and we will work together to make that vision a reality. Wherever you go after your time with us we want you to take fantastic memories and key skills that will help to set you up for life.

The journey starts now with you receiving this guide. Please read through all of the key information with your parents/carers. The next stage is on **Wednesday 8th July** when you will join us for our Transition Day. This will allow you to meet everyone else who will be starting this journey with you and gain your first real experience of life at Kineton. There will be time with tutors, sample lessons in some subjects and the opportunity to get a bit more active/creative as well the chance to experience lunch in the canteen. There's nothing to worry about – more details will follow – but make sure that you get the day in your diaries!

The information in this booklet can be divided up into the following key sections:

- Dates for the diary
- Key People
- Practical information on how things work
- Standards and expectations
- Things to look forward to

Transition is always a wonderful opportunity for students to experience secondary school for the first time and to meet the staff that will support them in this next step of their education.

Hopefully you and your parents/carers will find everything that you need here to get you started—**we look forward to seeing you on the 8th July!**

Yours sincerely,



Mrs L Nussey
Deputy Headteacher

Dates for the Diary

May/June - Primary School Visits

Staff will be visiting most primary schools so you can meet them before the induction day in July and they will answer any questions you may have. There is also lots of information on our school website under 'Information' and then 'Year 6 into 7 2026'.

***Wednesday 8th July - Induction Day**

This will be held here at Kineton, and more information will be sent to you closer to the time. This is an exciting day when new students will spend a day here, getting to know the school, the people in it and experiencing what life in our school is like. This is a really important day for you to attend and you will need to be equipped with a pen, pencil and packed lunch. Students are to wear their primary school PE kit on this day. It is possible for students to use our school bus service (if a bus route currently serves your area) for the Induction Day if they wish to; this is free of charge to students. Timetables will be distributed to primary schools closer to the time and are available online [School Bus Timetables](#)

Wednesday 8th July—New Parents Meeting from 5.00pm

This will follow on from the induction day and provide parents with an opportunity to meet key staff who will play a significant role in your child's first year here. There will also be a keynote presentation on uniform, helping at home and developing the crucial home-school link.

Thursday 3rd September

Your first day as a Year 7 student at Kineton High School!

*Our SEND team, led by Mrs Woodward, (Assistant Headteacher and SENCO) will be liaising with primary schools and families to share details of the enhanced transition process for some of our new students.

Key People (from September 2026)

Ms Bridge
Headteacher



Ms Philpotts
Head of Year 7



Mrs Thompson
Head of Year 8



Dr Singh
Head of Year 9



Ms Stallwood
Head of Year 10



Mr Ford
Head of Year 11



Mrs Bennett
Mrs Errington
Student Services



Leadership Team

Mrs Nussey
Deputy Headteacher
Inclusion



Mr Larner
Deputy Headteacher
Curriculum, T&L and CPD



Mr Partridge
Associate Headteacher
DSL



Ms Boyle
Assistant Headteacher
Behaviour and Ethos



Mrs Woodward
Assistant Headteacher
SEND/CO



Mrs Young
Assistant Headteacher
Student Achievement



Mr Bonfield
Associate Headteacher
Head of Sixth Form



Mr Daly
Associate Headteacher
Attendance and AP



Practical Information on How Things Work

Tutor Groups and Houses

When you come in for transition day you'll find out which tutor group you are in. Our tutor groups are organised by year groups so you'll be in a tutor group with other students your own age. There are plenty of opportunities to mix with the older year groups, but in tutor time we work on giving you the information and support that you need.

Each tutor group will line up at the start of the day on the tennis courts. Your tutor will meet you there along with your Head of Year. You'll be taken into your tutor room to allow for a prompt start to tutor time at 8.30am.

As well as finding out which tutor group you are in you'll also be given a house. There will be plenty of competitions along the way, but everything ultimately adds up to the awarding of the House Cup at the end of the year. Avon won the cup last year, who will it be this year!

To give you a taste of the competitions and opportunities that you can get involved in have a look at what we've already got up to this year:

- Form quiz
- Pancake flipping
- Cupcake baking
- Tug of War
- Handball
- Football penalty shoot out



This year, our house leaders are: Avon – Mr Keevil, Castle – Miss Holmes, Fosse - Miss Hill, Verney - Mr Wallis, and Avon - Mr Keevil. Each house represents the strength and unity of our school community and is designed to foster a sense of belonging, teamwork, and friendly competition among all students. Throughout the year, we'll be hosting a series of exciting House competitions that will challenge your child's skills, celebrate their achievements, and bring us all closer together as a school community. The Heads of House have provided an introduction on the next page.

Avon House – a message from Mr Keevill

In Avon House, our core values of Perseverance, Resilience, and Collaboration guide everything we do. We celebrate each student as an individual, recognizing that while some may excel academically, others shine in different areas. By working together, we bring out each other's strengths and talents, helping everyone achieve their personal best and develop into well-rounded, resilient young people.

Castle House – a message from Miss Holmes

Castle House is proudly named after Warwick Castle, which is such an iconic landmark and part of Warwickshire's history. When thinking about the values I wanted to instil within my house, I thought about what Warwick Castle may symbolise for others, and the skills I wanted our students to develop. As such, the Castle House's values are resilience, independence and empathy. Just like Warwick Castle, I want our students to be able to bounce back from hardship and stand strong in the face of challenge; be able to stand tall, proud and do things for themselves along with showing kindness and support to all.

Fosse House – a message from Miss Hill

The Fosse Way is one of the oldest and most important Roman roads in Britain, the name adds a geographical and cultural relevance, deepening the connection between the school's identity and its local heritage. Roads like the Fosse Way symbolize journeys comparable to the journey of learning and personal growth that students undergo during their education at Kington. The Fosse Way connected various Roman settlements and towns, promoting unity and community this directly links to the Fosse House values of teamwork, engagement and resilience and problem solving.

Verney House – a message from Mr Wallis

Verney House is named after the wonderful Compton Verney house and estate just up the road and we mirror their values of Collaboration, Inclusivity, Boldness and Fun, values which support our own school values of ARK.



The School Day

Most of our students get the bus into school which can arrive any time after 8am. If you're in early then there is plenty of space outside (when the weather is nice!) to wait/play games etc. If it's wet then you'll be told where to go to stay dry. The canteen is open every morning and you can grab a bite to eat or a drink anytime from 8am until 8.20. There's a bell at 8.25 which is when you will line up for tutor time – then the day begins. Have a look below to see how the day is structured:

8.30 – 8.50	Registration	Tutor time takes place at the beginning of each morning. The register is taken and there will be a planned activity to carry out. This could be the student bulletin, an assembly, reading, a house quiz or an ARK activity.
8.50 – 9.50	Lesson 1	We have five lessons each day – check your timetable to see which subjects you have where the lessons take place.
9.50 – 10.50	Lesson 2	
10.50 – 11.10	Break	We have two breaks in the day when you can eat and drink. Some people bring healthy snacks and a packed lunch from home, but you can also buy a wide range of food and drinks from the dining room with our fingerprint recognition scheme. (Lunch costs about £2.50 per day depending on what you choose.)
11.10 – 12.10	Lesson 3	
12.10 – 1.10	Lesson 4	
1.10 – 1.45	Lunch	You can choose to bring a packed lunch or buy lunch in our dining room or a combination of the two! You must have money on your ParentPay account as you can't use cash.
1.45 – 2.45	Lesson 5	At 2.45pm lessons end for the day.

Extra-Curricular Activities

On **Tuesdays, Wednesdays** and **Thursdays**, you can stay behind to join in after school activities. These include Sports; Humanities Club; Art; Vocal Society; Book Club; Computing; Music and Debate Club. The bus will come back to take you home at 4.00pm – check the late bus timetable on the Student Services Noticeboard.



Timetable

At school we have a two-week timetable. Your timetable shows you what lesson you have, who your teacher is and what room the lesson is in.

Week 1 or 2

	2Mon	2Tue	2Wed	2Thu	2Fri
1	Maths	History	Art & Design	Maths	Computing
	SRI S14	MD S3	CP F3	SRI S14	JK F7
2	Rel.Ed.	Science	Music	English	Spanish
	DJO F12	NH SC6	BR G1	HK S17	HS F16
3	Geography	Phys.Ed.	Food	Drama	History
	SEL S7	KP SH1	VJ G2	HVF G6	MD S3
4	Music	Science	English	Phys.Ed.	English
	BR G1	NH SC6	HK S17	KP SH1	HK S17
5	Spanish	Maths	Geography	Science	Graphics
	HS F16	SRI S4	SEL S7	NH SC6	TB G4

Subject
Teacher
Room number

Uniform

All students are expected to wear the correct uniform with pride as ambassadors for the school. You will need a black blazer with the school logo, black trousers or skirt, white shirt, tie with your house colour, black or white socks and plain black school shoes. **Shirts should be worn tucked into trousers or skirts.**

For PE you will need a red training top, black shorts or skort, red PE socks, trainers, black leggings (for gymnastics) and shin pads (for football, rugby and hockey).



Equipment

To make the most out of your learning, you will need a pencil case containing the following:

- Blue or black pens
- Pencils
- Eraser
- Coloured pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- Glue stick
- Pair of compasses
- Protractor
- Ruler
- Any Casio Scientific Calculator but the FX-83 and FX-85 models are the cheapest and most appropriate
- Reading book

Our Library sells stationery at cost effective prices.

You will also need a sensible bag to bring your books and equipment in as well as a smaller bag for your PE kit on the appropriate days.

Standards and Expectations

We passionately believe in our mission 'Achieving Personal Best' and one of the ways in which we challenge students to do this is through our standards and expectations. These include:

- **Attendance:** To ensure that you maximise your learning opportunities (information in your pack)
- **Uniform expectations:** To set the highest standards of dress (information in your pack)
- **Our Home School Agreement:** To ensure that school and home learning in partnership to support every student (in your information pack)
- **Home Learning policy:** To engage and inspire students as well as consolidating learning
- **Student code of conduct:** How we expect students to behave
- **Mobile Phone Policy:** Students in Year 7 (and 8) are not allowed to bring Smartphones or Smartwatches into school as they are prohibited items. If you are seen with a phone or watch, they will be confiscated.

Home learning at Kinton High School

Students at Kinton High School will be expected to complete home learning tasks on a daily basis. This is because science indicates that regular home learning in secondary schools can really improve student's understanding of their subjects.

Home learning tasks are either exploring style tasks where students need to do research and find things out or they are based around practicing something to get it right and remember it.

Some subjects like Geography or DT set ILTS (Independent Learning Tasks) where students have four weeks to work on a bigger project.

We would recommend children have an agreed space in the home where they can complete their home learning tasks away from any distractions, this includes their mobile phone.

Top Tips for Home Learning:

- Be organised and know what needs to be completed each night, so the home learning deadline is met.
- Be resilient, if students are unsure of what the home learning task is they will need to ask peers or speak to the teacher.
- Try your best – teachers will expect students to try their best at all home learning tasks.

Below are four excellent home learning tasks that students have completed across Y7 or Y8.



Student Code of Conduct

We expect all members of our community to live by and model our culture and values, demonstrating these in their day to day behaviours to support our mission of 'Achieving Personal Best'. This applies at all times when you are in school as well as when travelling to and from school.

Our Values: Ambition, Respect, Kindness

Our Mission: Achieving Personal Best

We expect all students at Kineton High School to abide by the following in order to achieve their personal best:



#The Kineton Way:

- At Kineton High School our values underpin everything.
- We show ambition in all that we do (both inside and outside of lessons)
- We are respectful to staff, fellow students and guests both in how we act and how we speak.
- We are kind at all times – this is crucial to ensuring that we remain an inclusive community.

General conduct:

- Adhere to the uniform expectations of the school – wear my uniform with pride
- Be punctual at all times
- Care for the environment around me – don't drop litter
- Be polite and courteous at all times.

LEARN at Kineton:

- At Kineton we have our 'LEARN' principles. You can see these on the right.
- Each of these is a core expectation in every lesson.
- You will be rewarded when you follow these expectations.
- You will be challenged if you don't.
- LEARN allows us all to work together to make learning at Kineton fun for everyone.



Home learning:

- Complete the home learning to the best of my ability.
- Provide written communication from home if a home learning deadline is not going to be met before lesson.
- Attend home learning/subject clubs for more support if needed.

Travelling to and from school:

- Remember that you are representing the school and the expectations for general conduct apply.
- This includes being polite and courteous to all members of the public.
- If you catch a bus you must sit where requested by members of staff or the bus driver.
- If you catch a bus then you should show your bus pass every time you travel on the bus.

Attendance:

- Ensure that my attendance is as high as possible
- Catch up on any work missed wherever possible.

Your target for attendance should be 96% for each year. Missing the odd day for medical appointments and being poorly can very quickly add up. Just missing one day of school could put you behind and at a disadvantage in your next lesson for those subjects.

Your attendance will also help your tutor group in the house competition against the other groups in your house and the other houses in the school.

There will be chances for winning prizes throughout the year based on your attendance.

My Child at School

All students and parents/carers will use an app called MCAS (My Child at School) for all school related information including:

- timetables
- attendance
- home learning
- rewards
- behaviour
- exam information
- payments
- school letters and information

The app can be downloaded from the App Store or Google play. Parents/carers will also need to complete the registration form on the app.

Things to look forward to:

- **Transition Day**
A day for you to visit school, meet new friends and staff and try some lessons
- **Parents' Information Evening**
Parents can come into school find out more about school and especially Year 7 (first term)
- **First Day/Week**
Your chance to settle into your tutor group and the school through some serious and some fun activities
- **Extra-Curricular Activities**
We offer a wide range of after school activities for you to take part in – Computing, Sports (Athletics, Rounders, Tennis, Netball, Football, Rugby and more!), Art clubs, Vocal Society, Book Club, STEM and Humanities club
- **Parents' Consultation Evening**
Parents can come in and speak to subject staff regarding their child's progress
- **Charity Week**
Organised by the Sixth Form and has a variety of fun events for all students to take part in and to raise a lot of money for several charities (December).
- **Flexible Learning Days**
These are days throughout the year when you won't follow your normal timetable, instead you will learn new skills and experience a range of different activities
- **World Book Day**
The whole school celebrates and encourages a love of reading (March)
- **Enrichment Week**
A week in early July when we do extra-curricular trips and exciting activities
- **Year 7 PTSA School Disco**
This takes place just before Christmas and is a fun evening to enjoy with your friends.
- **Other Events**
Sports Day, Inter-House Activities and Competitions, Trips (e.g. Bourton-on-the-Water), Christmas Carol Service

Enrichment Week

Year 7 Explorer Dome



On Tuesday 8th July students in Year 7 enjoyed Earth Sessions with Explorer Dome. The students were fabulous and really engaged.

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ATTENDANCE TARGET
No more than 3 missed school days across the academic year.

**Enrichment Week**

Year 7 Normandy day 2



After a breakfast of fresh croissants, first stop was a visit to the American Cemetery where students reflected and shared thoughtful comments. Lunch was followed by playing on the beach at Asnelles and rounded off with kayaking to the D-Day Mulberry Harbours. Students ended the evening bravely trying escargots - and loved them!

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ATTENDANCE TARGET
No more than 3 missed school days across the academic year.

**Enrichment Week**

Year 7 and 8 Cornish Food Masterclass



On Monday 7th July students in Years 7 & 8 enjoyed a Cornish Food Masterclass. They made some fantastic Cornish pasties, scones and even made their own jam!

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ATTENDANCE TARGET
No more than 3 missed school days across the academic year.

**Enrichment Week**

Year 7-9 Sports Day



On Friday 11th July students in Years 7 to 9 took part in our annual Sports Day which consisted of Rounders, Long Ball, Tug of War and Capture the Flag, followed by a quiz in the afternoon.

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ATTENDANCE TARGET
No more than 3 missed school days across the academic year.

