



Ringwood School

Year 7 Induction Evening

The beginning of an exciting new journey.....

We look forward to being side by side with you for the journey ahead.



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Smart device Policy for September 2026



We started a smart device ban for students in Year 7 last year. This ban will now apply to the whole school Yr7-11 from September.

Having done this for a year already, we know that it has a really positive impact on our students:

- 24% of current Yr7 students do not have a smartphone.
- 60% of current Yr7 do not have access to social media.
- Only 7% of the cohort are in large (50+) Whatsapp groups- half of these have had problems on these groups.
- 77% of Year 7 Ringwood Students are having enough sleep to make them feel rested and ready to learn compared to 70% in the rest of Hampshire
- 75% of Year 7 Ringwood Students are reading for pleasure compared to 59.7% in the rest of Hampshire

Non-Smart Phones Are Allowed



These are phones with no camera and no internet access. They must be off and away during the school day:



Sanctions if we confiscate a smart device



- We will do spot checks if we are concerned that the policy has been breached.
- **If a smartphone is confiscated, we will keep it for 6 school weeks – this does not include the holidays.**
- All other smart devices:
 - 1st time in a term - Warning
 - 2nd time in a term – Leadership Detention
 - 3rd time in a term – returned to parents

Can I please ask that we work together:

- If something has happened and your child has given you their version of events, please call or email us and ask us to investigate or for further information BUT PLEASE understand that at that point you have only heard one side of the story- this is your child's truth, rather than THE truth. If we are aware that something has happened, we will contact you.
- Please accept that our standards for learning behaviour are very high. We recognise that children have had a varied learning experience with school rules and sanctions previously and will take time to adjust. We will work with your child to help them to get it right.
- Please communicate with us in the way described by Mr Massimino - secondary school is different to primary school. We can help you best if your message gets to the right person.
- We will treat you with respect, please treat us the same way. Currently teachers are leaving the profession nationally and aggressive communications from parents is one key reason they cite for leaving. If you would like your child taught by experts, please help me keep them here by working with them.
- We will host a meeting with you during September to talk about supporting your child through secondary school – BUT my one piece of advice is to encourage them to read as frequently as possible.
- Please do get involved with school, and if you can, join the PTA or Parent Forum.

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Key Staff

Head of Year – Mario Massimino

Name/s	Tutor Group/House
Tom Wallace	R - Nightingale
Juan Dear	I – Hardy
Jess Mason	N – Brunel
Kieran Robinson	G – Anning
Louise White	L – Thornhill
Steffi Simpson	W – Nightingale
Vicky Fackrell	U – Hardy
Ben Northfield	D – Brunel
Sally Humphry	S – Anning
Laura Ansell	H - Thornhill

Headteacher – Mrs Leanne Symonds

SENCO- Carla Bastow-Hart

Deputy SENCO – Nicky Hennesey

Assistant Headteacher- Pastoral – Heather Jolly

DSL – Clare Adams

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Key Information

- Registration and Tutor Time – 8:35 prompt start. 3pm Finish
- Parking and Transport
- Tutor + 5 lessons x 60 mins. **2 week timetable/50 lesson.**
- Bags & Lockers - £10 via parentpay – Mid September.
- Food service – breakfast, lunchtime & break time – Designated Year 7 Areas
- Uniform & PE Kit- Please add a note in the diary if there are issues. Stevensons- **Name everything!**
- **Shoes should be black and leather with no sports branding/logos - Air Forces are not Permitted.**
- Rewards and Conduct- Arbor – Please support our behaviour policy.
- **95%+ Attendance is expected. Please contact us if your child is absent.**
- **-Holiday will rarely ever be authorised but please do speak to us if you have special circumstances.**

More detailed information is in the pack you received tonight.

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ANNING HOUSE "Curiosity is the most powerful thing you own" Mary Anning  Mary Anning was an inspirational fossil collector and Palaeontologist who became known around the world for the many fossil finds she made in the cliffs of Lyme Regis. Her curiosity and meticulous observations led her to become an expert globally in her field. Curiosity and perseverance are at the heart of Anning House. HEAD OF HOUSE	BRUNEL HOUSE "Determination today leads to success tomorrow" Isambard Kingdom Brunel  Isambard Kingdom Brunel, born in Portsmouth, was a Mechanical and Civil Engineer. He is considered one of the most ingenious and prolific figures in engineering history. His work includes the Clifton Suspension Bridge, the Great Western Railway and the tunnel under the River Thames. His determination and tenacity are the values of Brunel House. HEAD OF HOUSE	HARDY HOUSE "But his dreams were as gigantic as his surroundings were small" Thomas Hardy  Born in Stinsford, East Dorset, Thomas Hardy was a Victorian novelist and poet. Hardy was conscious of class divisions and the social unfairness that existed within Victorian society; as a result he was always keen to use his writing to highlight inequality. The qualities of resilience and fairness are the core values of the House. HEAD OF HOUSE	NIGHTINGALE HOUSE "I attribute my success to this - I never gave or took any excuse" Florence Nightingale  Florence Nightingale is best known as the founder of modern nursing and is buried in East Wellow, Hampshire. She was known as "The Lady with the Lamp" owing to her determination to help the suffering at all hours of the day. Her values of dedication and determination to succeed in the face of adversity form the ethos of the House. HEAD OF HOUSE	THORNHILL HOUSE "I know no such thing as genius - genius is nothing but labour and diligence" Sir James Thornhill  Sir James Thornhill, born in Weymouth, worked in the field of historical painting. The dome of St. Paul's cathedral is Thornhill's most famous work. Thornhill was passionate about teaching young artists. This spirit of helping others and striving for excellence are at the core of Thornhill House. HEAD OF HOUSE
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House Events

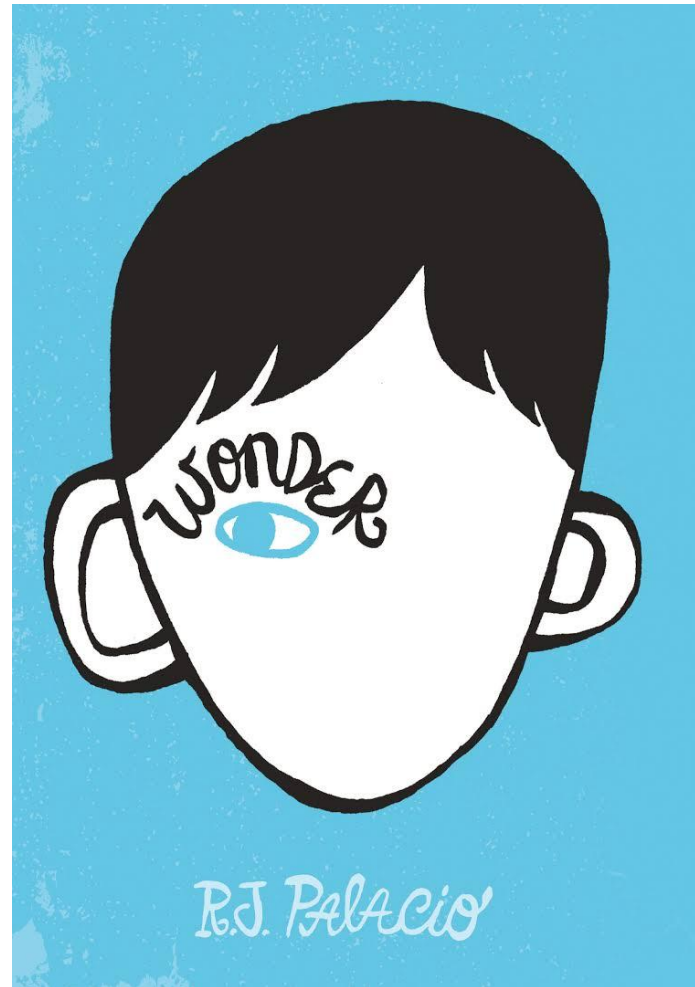
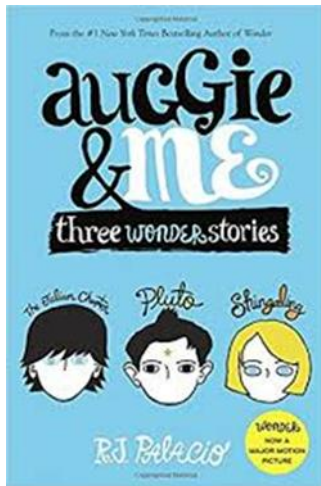
- Sports
- Reading
- Art
- Maths Challenge
- Photography
- Knitting
- Quizzes
- Recycling
- House Points

House Cup is presented on Sports Day.

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Wonder



Team Ringwood

- Be Kind
- Try Your Best
- Get Involved

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EVERYONE IS WELCOME IN THE LIBRARY



Students can start using the library and borrowing books as soon as they start in September.

The library is open every break and lunch time. Home Learning Club is in the library from 3-4pm Mon - Thur.

The library holds a wide range of books:
Fiction
Non-Fiction
Graphic Novels
Quick Reads
Dyslexia friendly texts.

Every student has access to our e-book platform, Sora. Ebooks Audiobooks Magazines Can be accessed on any device.

6 Summer Challenges from Year 6 to Year 7



Name: _____



Students have been given a 676 Reading Challenge to enjoy over the summer break. 6 challenges that will take them from Year 6 to Year 7. The challenge booklets can be bought to the library in September and exchanged for a goody bag!

RECOMMENDED READING LIST AND SORA INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN THE LIBRARY

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Pride Piece & Ringwood Roadshow

- In their junior schools all students have been asked to complete a Maths and English 'Pride Piece' to demonstrate their best work and ideas. If not yet returned, please can they come to us on the first day back.
- If they have not come from a feeder then you should have been sent all the information for the English Pride Piece and we would like this back by the end of term. The Art Pride Piece can be brought back in September for their first Art lesson.
- Students will stick this in the front of every exercise book in September (we will organise it so that each student has 12 copies of their work).
- Return by 10th July please.

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How To Grow a Grown Up

Prepare Your Teen
for the Real World

Dr Dominique Thompson
& Fabienne Vailes

- Building independence and resilience
- Parenting
- Stress & Anxiety
- Sleep
- Exam/Test pressure
- Relationships
- Social Media
- E-Safety & Cyber Bullying
- Peer Pressure
- Illicit substances/alcohol etc

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Contact details in Arbor & ArborPay



- Thank you to everyone who has logged in and provided contact details and additional information through our Management Information System - Arbor
- The consent requests are so helpful when arranging off site visits, sports fixtures and ensuring photo permission consents are accurate along with essential medical details.
- This is also how you top up their lunch card and make payments for trips etc so it is vital you are signed up.
- Email parentapp@ringwood.hants.sch.uk



Learning Groups & Tutor Groups

Learning groups are classes which are created using SATs/CATs results together with junior school teachers' recommendations.

Students will be taught in mixed ability for some lessons (EP/English/Art/Drama/Music/Humanities or Technology)

Students will be taught in learning groups for other lessons (Maths, Science, IT/Computing).

Tutor groups are now set for September classing and changes cannot be made.

We receive lots of positive feedback on the tutor grouping and how it has allowed students to make new friendships and gain new experiences so please do not worry, it's only where they start their day.

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Behaviour for Learning



Sit up, listen & engage

Track the speaker

Ask & answer like a scholar

Respond without question or comment

Show respect – one voice

+ Uniform, equipment, low level disruption, etc.

- All Formal Warnings appear on Arbor
- ? warnings in 5 days = Detention
- Notifications of Detention will be via email and at least 24 hours notice.

Serious Misconduct

- Defiance/Refusal
- Prejudicial Language
- Physicality/Assault
- Verbal Abuse/Bullying Behaviour
- Truancy

It is important to remember that, by selecting our school, you have agreed that your child will comply with our expectation around behaviour, conduct and consequences.

EQUIPMENT LIST



PEN



PURPLE PEN



PENCIL



RULER



HIGHLIGHTER



ERASER



SCIENTIFIC CALCULATOR



COMPASS & PROTRACTOR



GLUE STICK



Dream Big
Be Curious
Be Determined
Make No Excuses
Embrace Opportunities

Emotional Support / On Call team



Mrs Adkins
Student Receptionist

TBC



Mrs Mitchell
Pastoral Support

TBC



Mr Tate
Pastoral Support



Miss Seward
Pastoral Support

Based in Student
Reception

Check in at first
and Emotional Support
Referrals can be
made at the start of the
year if required and
once we know the
students.

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School Diary & Home Learning

- Key items of equipment that are required every day
- Contains useful information: maps, policies, key dates etc.
- Used to record Home Learning.
- Home Learning also set on Teams – September.
- 3-5 pieces per week of around 20-30 minutes with at least 48 hour timescale.



What is the Year 7 English Home Learning?

Complete 30 minutes of independent, meaningful **reading practice** a week using the Sparx Reader online programme.

Designed to build confidence and reading skills.

Sparx Reader



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Communication



- 1) Note in **diary** to tutor/teacher
- 2) Email or phone school to speak to tutor/teacher
- 3) Urgent enquiries to Mr Massimino.

Students are always encouraged to speak to their teachers/ tutors/pastoral team.

If we don't know about an issue we cannot deal with it.

“What are your next steps?”

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All correspondence will be addressed within a minimum of 72 hours.

Y7 Curriculum Maps

- An **overview** of skills, knowledge and understanding. Currently on the school website. Academic – Curriculum.
- **Super-curricular** activities designed to encourage your child to further challenge themselves to learn independently and to deepen and broaden their subject knowledge. They are additional to weekly home learning tasks and can be completed if and when your child wishes.
- **Revision strategies** to offer further support to your child should they need it.
- **Parent Information Evening in September to fully explain this along with Assessment and E-Safety.**

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Stepping stones to good attendance habits

- It's ok for your child to feel a little concerned about coming to school.
- Reassure them that it's ok to feel uncomfortable at times. It will pass.
- Let us know if they're not ok, but reinforce that **“we go to school”**
- Change your language from **“anxious”** and use instead **“uncomfortable”**, **“nervous”**, **“unsure”** – these are all temporary emotions
- Remember, your parenting journey is changing too, you're routine in September will be different. Do something to take your mind off it.



Struggling to get your child into school?

Talk to us –
we're here to **help**.

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Extra Curricular Activities

- Many familiar sports and lots of new ones making use of first class facilities operating during lunch time and after school
- Drama clubs and other performing arts
- Subjects – English: Creative writing club. Math club, Science club, History: Adventure games club and Art and textile clubs
- Specialist – Eco Schools, Amnesty International and many more
- Music lessons - If you would like to apply for your child to learn a musical instrument please fill in the form in your pack.
- List of clubs will be shared online.
- Students will be responsible for sharing fixture information- email to check.

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Finance & a few other bits...

☐ Contact information.....

admissions@ringwood.....

- Upfront data: largely collected
- ParentApp: available September: for updating contacts & viewing other student information

☐ ParentPay system

finance@ringwood.....

☐ Bus from Bransgore area:

bransgorebus@ringwood.....

From other Hampshire areas

For travel to Ringwood School from other parts of the Hampshire area parents will need to apply to Hampshire Travel to assess eligibility by following this link <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schooltransport/parent-carer/application-process/mainstream-school#step-1>

From Dorset

Details for the number 38 public bus service can be found by visiting our website <https://www.ringwood.hants.sch.uk/information-2/transport/>

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☐ Safeguarding

safeguarding@ringwood.....

☐ <https://www.ringwood.hants.sch.uk/safeguarding/>

Ms Adams, Ms Jolly, Mr Walbrin, Mr Cooper, Mr Broadhouse & Ms Lewis

☐ Catering

catering@ringwood.....

- Student cards issued day 1
- Top up through ParentPay or with cash machine in Reception.
- Please note this is likely to be a reduced service in the Autumn.

All Staff are contactable by email:

Mmassimino@ringwood.hants.sch.uk



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CHILD PROTECTION
& SAFEGUARDING TEAM

 Miss C ADAMS Designated Safeguarding Lead	 Miss H JOLLY Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	 Mr A WALBRIN Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	
 Mr T COOPER Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	 Mrs V LEWIS Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	 Mr T BROADHOUSE Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	 Mrs C MITCHELL Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

If you have any concerns about the safety or welfare of a student please email safeguarding@ringwood.hants.sch.uk or speak to a member of the team

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Key September Dates.

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September – INSET

Thursday 3rd September – Year 7 & 12 only

Friday 4th September – All Students Return

There will be an evening about our Assessment, Curriculum and e-safety in the first half term. Details will come in September.

All term dates and INSET days etc are available on the school website.

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Our Year 7 Journey....



Dream **Big**
Be **Curious**
Be **Determined**
Make **No Excuses**
Embrace **Opportunities**



Miles and Emilie



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STEVENSONS



Pop-up Shop.

Ringwood School

Selling events are a 'travelling branch' and provide the opportunity for parents to have the full uniform outfitting experience.

A range of branded school uniform across all stocked sizes will be available in school for pupils to try on, purchase and take away on the day
(or to try on and purchase online at a later date www.stevensons.co.uk).



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Thank you!

We look forward to welcoming you all in September.