

Student Handbook

You will receive a copy of the Student Handbook when you start with us in September. It is a really important book so I recommend that you cover it in sticky backed plastic, if you can, to protect it. It is part of the equipment list so you need to have it in school with you every day. It contains lots of very important information: your timetable; term dates; lots of information about attendance, uniform, mobile phones and the Code of Conduct and Lesson Protocol. One of the most important pages for year 7 and 8 students is the merit page!

Merits are our way of rewarding and thanking you for outstanding work or effort and teachers will award them for: excellent classwork or homework and outstanding participation or contribution in the classroom. They are recorded in your Handbook and then collected at the end of every term.

We usually celebrate in an assembly and students are asked to come to the front to collect their reward and certificate. There are 5 levels : Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum and Diamond. In addition to this we have a merit party at Christmas, at Easter and at the end of the Summer term for the 6 students with the highest merits from each tutor group. This is always lots of fun, we play different games and have snacks to eat. These students miss 2 lessons and get to come to school in their own clothes for the day!