



22nd July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are looking forward to welcoming your child as a member of the Denton Community College community and hope they are equally excited to be joining us. We know this can be a nervous time for students and their families so we would like to take this opportunity to reach out to you with some reminders to allow for a smooth transition as they begin their secondary school journey.

Monday 2nd September 2024 is a training day for staff and therefore school will start for students on Tuesday 3rd September. Year 7 students should arrive at school from 8am and must have arrived at school by 8.20am, as will be the daily expectation. They will begin their day with an assembly and will then be escorted by their form tutors to their tutor rooms where they will be issued with timetables and school planners.

On Tuesday 3rd September, and daily thereafter, they should arrive to school in full uniform ([Uniform Expectations](#)), with no make-up, jewellery or smart watches. They must carry a bag that is capable of carrying A4 size books and must also be equipped with a pencil case and equipment. When they are issued with their planner they must take care of this and have it in their hand each morning as they pass through the school gates. If they lose it they will be expected to buy a replacement at a cost of £2.20.

Students can either bring a packed lunch to school or buy food at lunch time from the school canteen. In order to do this money will need to be added to their account via ParentPay, the cost of a student meal deal is £2.99, which will purchase a main meal and a dessert or a drink. Water fountains are available throughout school for drinking water so we recommend students bring a reusable water bottle.

ParentPay activation details will be sent out by post prior to the start of the academic year. If you have any difficulty accessing your account please contact finance@dentoncommunitycollege.org.uk. We recommend that you activate your account regardless of whether your child will access the school canteen or is on free school meals as ParentPay is used for consent to attend trips and also where school essential equipment can be purchased.

If you have been previously entitled to free school meals, it is important that you complete the application form with us to ensure the funding is allocated to your child now they are at a new school. Applications can be completed online via <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-tameside>. If you have any questions or problems completing the application, please contact our finance department via finance@dentoncommunitycollege.org.uk.

We appreciate that starting a new school can take some time to adjust to and to make lunchtime a smoother experience whilst students adapt to the routines, the school will fund a student meal deal for each of our new year 7 students for the first two days, on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th September.

Please refer to the information provided on the Parents/Carers tab of the school website and do not hesitate to get in touch using info@dentoncommunitycollege.org.uk if you require any further information.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Hampson', written in a cursive style.

Rachel Hampson
Deputy Headteacher