# WELCOME! to Exmouth Community College





# The School Day

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- Be outside your tutor room for 8.25am
- Registration with your tutor starts at 8.30am
- 5 lessons most days with 5 minutes travel time
- Lesson 42 (Citizenship) on Wednesday
- College day ends at 3pm



Top tip: Time your journey to school





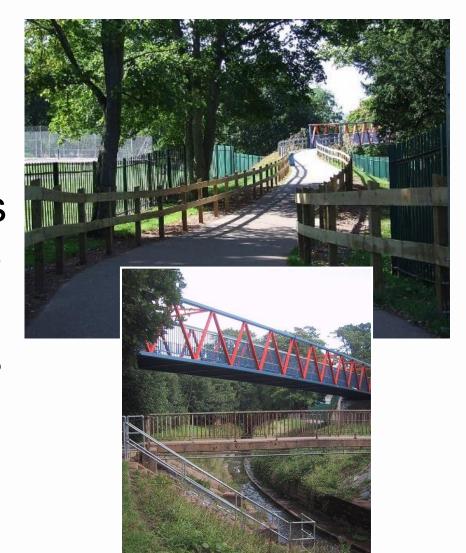
# Crossing sites

Some movement across the bridge is necessary for some PE, Tech, Maths and Science lessons

Tech lessons may be double lessons

Top Tips

- Keep left on the bridge
- Don't rush or go too slow
- Go in small groups





#### First weeks

CONFUSED UNSURE

UNCLEAR PERPLEXED

DISORIENTED BEWILDERED



Do not get worried about getting lost
You will have maps
People will help direct you
You will not get into trouble for getting lost

Top Tip – apologise to the teacher if you are late

being late to lessons in the first weeks



#### First Weeks

You will get tired

You will be carrying around your bag and walking a lot more than in Primary School

Early nights??

Set up a space to do your homework

Get into the habit of doing your homework regularly

Top Tip – complete the homework the night it is set

### Bags and Books



Pack the night before

Only pack what you need for the following day

Buy a sensible waterproof school bag – dark coloured rucksack type are the best

There are no lockers – you have to carry everything Keep all books at home in one box in your room.

Top Tip - Stick a copy of your timetable up at home (bedroom, noticeboard, fridge door or on the top of the box)



# Break times (normal)



Morning break is 20 minutes long

Lunchtime is 40 minutes long and starts @ 1.20pm

Free time spent on Green Close site unless periods 2 and 3 are on Gipsy Lane site

Hot and cold food is available at both break and lunch



Top Tip – eat something at break as lunch is later than in primary school / eat breakfast



# **Break times (Covid)**



1st break is 30 minutes long
 2nd break is 30 minutes long and starts @ 1.25pm
 Free time spent on Green Close site in your Year Area
 Hot and cold food is available at second break



Top Tip – eat something at break as lunch is later than in primary school / eat breakfast

#### **Shoes and Uniform**

Trainers are not allowed and shoes must be "polishable" leather type material and waterproof

Grey skirts from the school shops

Grey tailored school trousers (boys and girls) from the school shops

White shirt (not a polo shirt)

Green striped tie



### Shoes and Uniform (2)

Navy ECC jumper and Year 7 tie (green line) worn neatly in front of top button



No make-up or jewellery (except for a single stud earring per ear and/or a watch)

Natural coloured hair only – no grade1 or 2 cuts or tramlines

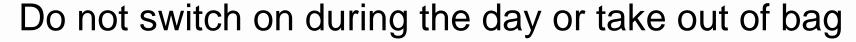
Top Tip – wearing correct uniform well, creates a good impression





#### **Mobile Phones**

Switch off before arriving



Confiscated first time for 1 week

Second time **NOT** returned until the end of term.

You risk (confiscation, loss, damage etc)

- Top Tips Use a cheap phone
  - Leave your phone at home
  - Buy a watch







# Communicating with College

Most written messages to teachers or tutor can go in the student planner.

More important messages (e.g. non-urgent concerns) can be e-mailed to the tutor who can forward them to another member of staff if necessary.

My email address:

# Communicating with College (2)

Urgent messages should be telephoned to the switchboard.

Your child should not be accessing their mobile phone while at College. We will pass messages to them in class if necessary and let them use our phones in emergencies

Top Tip –Tutors can check email more easily than listen to phone messages



- It may be a quicker way to get to them



# Communicating with Home

We will write messages in the homework planner

Letters of praise or concern will be sent home as necessary – you will get a letter/ text if your child has been sent to time out.

We may text you about lateness or absence You can access lots of data online

Top Tip – the college website has a parents' area





#### Communication

We will try to keep you informed as much as possible but if you have concerns or questions which are not satisfactorily dealt with please contact the year office

Please keep us informed about changes of address, phone numbers, health issues



Top Tip – check the homework diary every day and sign it weekly



#### Academic

Mixed ability groups (usually tutor groups) is the most common way classes are organised



Maths, Science and English will start in sets or be set during the term.







# Reports

Each term a progress report is issued giving attainment levels

There will be a parents' evening which you should attend with Mum/Dad/Carer

Top Tip – read through your reports closely at home together





#### Attendance

Students are not allowed off-site

175 days to spend on family time NON SCHOOL visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs DAYS A YEAR 190 19 days absence 29 days absence CHOOL DAYS Half a term missed DAYS OF 38 days absence DAYS OF 47 days absence **EDUCATION** DAYS OF 85% 100% Rest chance of success

Students must be collected for absences during the day (e.g. hospital appointments) and sign out

We will call/text you if your child is absent and you have not contacted us

Please keep us informed of absences and their reasons

Normal LEA sanctions apply

Holidays will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances





#### Good luck

We look forward to seeing you in September and wish you a healthy and enjoyable summer holiday

Thank you

