

Wightwick Hall School



Information Booklet
September 2023

Introduction

The school will look a little different in September. There will be more students and more teachers, but there will also be more subjects and more opportunities!

This booklet will tell you more about the changes you will face in September, and help you to prepare for the differences.

It is important to note that:

- The class sizes will remain the same ~~size~~
- Although there will be more classes, they will be spread out across the school, so it won't feel much busier
- This will be true at lunch time too, and we will use different parts of the school grounds for different year groups at lunch and break times
- Students will eat their lunch in the sports hall as well as the dining hall

The School Day

08:30 - 8:50 - arrival at school. Activities
08:50am – 09:20am tutor time: Exercise & Reading
9:20am - 10:15 am Lesson 1
10:15am - 11:10am Lesson 2
11:10am - 11:20 Break
11:20 - 12:15 Lesson 3
12:15pm – 1:15 pm Lunch/ Split Sittings
1:15pm – 2:10pm Lesson 4 (including registration)
2:10pm – 3:05pm Lesson 5
3:05pm - 3:10pm Tutor time:
3:10pm -3:30pm pick up and leave school

Students will be able to arrive from 8:30am in the morning in September, pick up will remain open until 3:30pm.

In the morning, students will be signed in by a member of staff. They can come and do some activities and have some toast and a drink.

At the end of the day, students for taxi's will go to the sports hall, and those who are picked up by parents will go to the coffee shop. When their transport arrives, they will be called to be taken to their transport. Staff will monitor both inside and out.

Class groups

Class groups will be a little different next year. Some students will be mixed up so that not all students in the same year group will be in the same class. You can see more about the groups in Bannatyne and Willow on the next couple of pages. Hickman House will remain as it is this year.

Bannatyne:

RSW Yr 7/8 (Ms Swallow)	KSI Yr 7/8 (Mr Singh)	RGA Yr 7/8 (Mrs Garen)
CTH Yr 9/10 (Ms Thorne)	MGW Yr 9/10 (Mr Gwynne)	EEF Yr 9/10 Ms Francis and Ms Johnson
JPR Yr 11 (Mr Price)	ADA Yr 11 (Mr Darrell)	
6 th Form 6EF Yr 12,13,14 (Mrs Francis, Mrs Black, Mr James)		

I will be in _____

Ask your teacher who else will be in your group.

Willow

JaF
KS3
Ms Foulger

SDE
KS3
Mr Dean

ABI
KS3
(Mr Bill)

EFL
KS4
(Mrs Fletcher)

6th Form 6HS
Yr 12,13,14
(Mrs Smith)

I will be in _____

Ask your teacher who else will be in your group.

Lessons

There will be an opportunity for students to do extra subjects in September. All students will learn:

English

Maths

Science

RS (core)

ICT (Core)

PE (core)

PSHE

Independent living skills

Enterprise skills

In year 7&8 students will also study:

Art

Performing arts

Outdoor learning

Students in year 9&10 (Bannatyne) and 10&11 (Willow) will also complete the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

AQA Awards

All students will have access to the AQA Awards programme. They can build a portfolio of certificates based on completing school-based tasks. More information can be found here:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/programmes/unit-award-scheme>

KS 4 Bannatyne

From year 9, students can study two of the following option subjects to gain a qualification:

PE

Performing Arts

Art

Humanities

ICT

Task: Students in year 8&9

Put the 5 subjects above from your most favourite to your least favourite.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Classrooms for Bannatyne

Additional rooms will allow for extra students in Bannatyne. Rooms listed below are commonly used names that most will understand, but tutors will go through these rooms with students so all are clear on where they are:

English: To remain in English room and current ICT room.

Maths: will move to the hub.

ICT: will move to the current maths room.

PE and Performing Arts: will move to A3, sports hall and Branson room.

Humanities: History room.

Science and Art will remain where they are. The gardening room will also be used for subjects such as Enterprise.

The School Library

The whole school library will become a central place in the main building, and will be in the old study.

New Assistant Head offices

Miss R Griffith (curriculum and learning) will be based in the Bannatyne block.

Mrs A Scott (Operations and Enterprise) will be based above the coffee shop.

Sixth form

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Tutor incl. literacy					
1	Community day (RJ/EF + TA)	Maths and Eng (EF+TA)	Maths and Eng (EF+TA)	Maths and Eng (EF+TA)	Enterprise Day (RJ/EB + TA)
2				Health and Well Being (EF+EB+TA)	
3					
4					
5					
Tutor					

Sixth Form School Uniform:

From September, there will be no formal school uniform for students in the sixth form. Students will be able to come into school in their own clothes if the following guidelines are followed:

Tops

- Plain polo shirts/shirts or t shirts – any colour (suitable body length/no midriff exposure)
- Plain sweatshirts, jumpers, cardigans, jackets. Hooded jumpers are allowed, but hoods are not to be worn over the head.

Trousers

- Full length smart, plain trousers
- Smart, plain jeans (no ripped jeans)
- Tracksuit bottoms permitted
- Smart cut-offs/shorts, at least knee length
- Leggings/jeggings permitted with long, thigh length top, and no see-through areas on the leg

Skirts

- Smart skirts – appropriate length

Footwear

- Suitable footwear – flat or low heels (2 cm) only
- Smart boots permitted – no steel toe caps
- Trainers & 'dolly' shoes permitted
- No flip flops, sandals or open toe shoes

Hair

- No extreme hair styles or colours – one colour only
- No tramlines cut in hair
- Long hair must always be tied back for practical activities / subjects

Jewellery and make-up

- Piercings must be in line with health and safety objectives and removed before any physical activities
- Modest jewellery, no large earrings
- No nail extensions
- Light make-up only

Failure to follow these rules will lead to these privileges being taken away. Uniform for all other students will remain the same.

The Wightwick Way

The school will be launching a new approach to managing expectations in September. This will flow through the whole school, including students and staff, with key words as reminders about what is important. More information will be shared as part of the launch in September, but the key phrases that will underpin our 'Wightwick Way', for staff, pupils and parents are:

Are you ready?

Are you being respectful?

Are you safe?

School Staff

Ceri	Rowley	Head Teacher
Rebecca	Griffith	Assistant Headteacher Curriculum & Learning
Gina	Higgs	Assistant Head - Behaviour, Attendance & Safeguarding
Sarah	Owen	Senior leader of Pastoral Support
Amy	Scott	Assistant Headteacher Enterprise and Operations
Michael David	Gwynne	Teacher of PE - leader of Enrichment & PE
Raphael Mark	James	Class lead 6th Form - leader of Careers & Enterprise
Jacqueline	Foulger	Class lead - Willow. Leader of Willow Pathway
Lavinia	Johnson	Teacher of English. Leader of Literacy
Adrian	Darrell	Teacher of ICT
Emma E	Francis	Teacher of Performing Arts
Rachel	Garen	Teacher of Art
Jonathan	Price	Teacher of Maths
Kanwal	Singh	Teacher, Science, Maths & Humanities
Ruth	Swallow	Teacher of Science
Claire	Thorne	Teacher of English
Andrew	Bill	Class lead - Willow
Emma	Black	Class lead - 6th Form
Samuel	Dean	Class lead - Willow
Ella	Fletcher	Class lead - Willow
Emma	Francis	Class lead - 6th Form
Helen	Smith	Class lead - Willow
Lisa	Talbot	Class leader - Hickman
Fearne	Bruce	Teaching Assistant
Niamh	Bruce	Teaching Assistant
Paula	Bruce	Teaching Assistant
Sarah	Burke	Teaching Assistant
Katrina	Davies	Teaching Assistant
Scott	Edge	Teaching Assistant
Emma	Griffiths	Teaching Assistant
Tracy	Harding	Teaching Assistant
Joy	Hopgood-Gravett	Teaching Assistant
Natasha	Jones	Teaching Assistant
Sara	Jordan	Teaching Assistant, Cleaner
Harpreet	Kaur	Teaching Assistant
Tanya	Moore	Teaching Assistant
Lucy	Onions	Teaching Assistant
Lydia	Ratti	Teaching Assistant
Debbi	Ricci	Teaching Assistant
Francesca Maria	Volpe	Teaching Assistant
Sian	Whitton	Teaching Assistant
Rachel	Wilbrey-Preece	Teaching Assistant

Ashleigh	Wilkinson	Teaching Assistant
Anita	Grainger	Bursar
Eleanor	Ralph	Examinations Officer
Sarah	Fellows	Administrator/Clerk
Julie	Haynes	PA to the headteacher
Nic	Smith	Administrator / Clerk
Minh	Vuong	IT Support
Christine	Barber	Cleaner
Tony	Brabazon	Caretaker
Simon	Bruce	Site Manager
Jasmin	Harris	Cleaner
Sharanjeet	Kaur	Cleaner
Julie	Rivett	Cleaner
Jason	Thomas	Site support
Georgia	Wheaver	Cleaner

Break and lunch times

With an increased number of students, we will start to make use of other areas of the school grounds at break and lunch time:

Break time:

Willow and Hickman – top field outside staff room

Bannatyne yr 7/8 - remain on MUGA

Bannatyne yr 9-11 – Bottom field

Lunch time

Lunch time will remain split as it currently is therefore:

Willow and Hickman – remain on MUGA

Bannatyne yr 7/8 - remain on MUGA

Bannatyne yr 9-11 – Bottom field

Indoor areas remain available during wet breaks, or if continued wet weather means the fields are too wet.

Bags and coats

The cloakroom in Bannatyne is being decorated to become a regulation space, for students who need space and time out of lessons. Bags and coats will therefore be carried with students, with coats placed on the back of the seat, and bags underneath. Students should only bring to school a small back pack.

Cashless catering

The use of Arbor will allow the school to have cashless catering, further information has been shared by the school office, and can be accessed here: <https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/360020147458-Log-into-the-Parent-Portal-and-the-Arbor-App>