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# Year 7

# Journey to 2028



## The transition journey so far:

- Transition events – pupils and parents had the opportunity to attend events from Year 5
- Miss Holborn held meetings with primary teachers throughout the last few months  
Detailed information gathered about each pupil  
Year 7 classes – 9 classes
- Transition day held in September for each child coming to us, arranged according to school
- Enhanced transition – a programme of visits and activities has taken place, with one further activity before the end of term.
- Information pack – sent out to primary schools/in the post for those outside main feeder schools
- Booklet for New Parents/Carers – Lots of important information
- Literacy / Numeracy booklet.



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## **Required Paperwork:**

- **Admission form – Microsoft form. This is very important. Deadline for completion is Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July.**
- **Letters and permission slips to complete and return – enclosed in information pack. Box here this evening. Please return these to us by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July. You are welcome to complete forms here this evening.**
- **ICT Acceptable Use Policy**
- **Chromebook – loan agreement form**



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## Times of the Day:

8.25am - registration / assembly

8.45am – Lesson 1

9.45am – Lesson 2

10.45am –Break

11.00am – Lesson 3

12.00pm – KS3 Lunch

1.00pm – Lesson 5

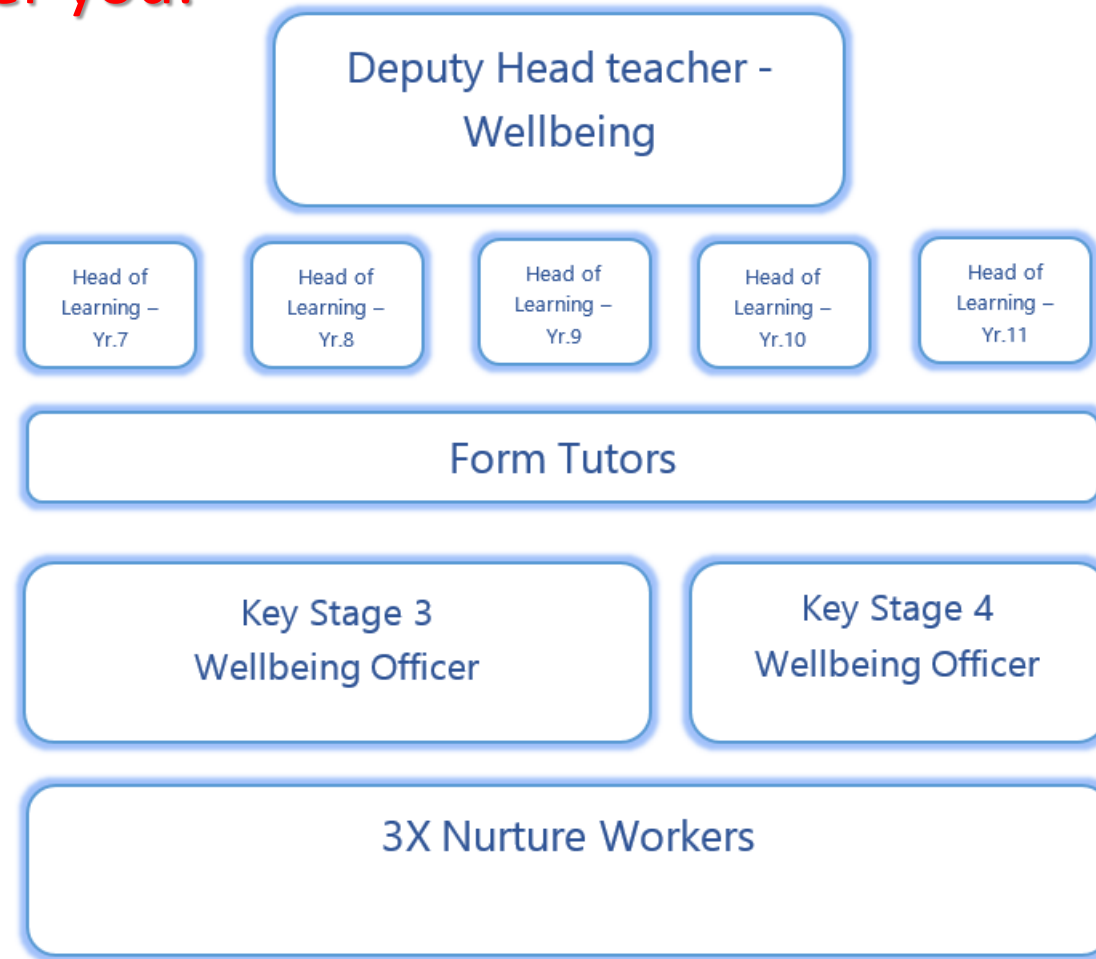
2.00pm – Lesson 6

3.00pm - Finish



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## Looking after you:





## Being part of our community:

The West Mon Way – These are the 6 golden rules we expect ALL pupils to follow ALL of the time:

**Arrive on time** – within 5 minutes of the bell

**Show respect** – for all members of our community

**Follow instructions** – promptly without debate

**Listen in silence** - when teacher / peers are speaking

**No eating & drinking** – water is allowed with permission

**No phones out** – in classrooms or corridors



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## Uniform Requirements:

Full details of the uniform and PE kit included in the Information booklet

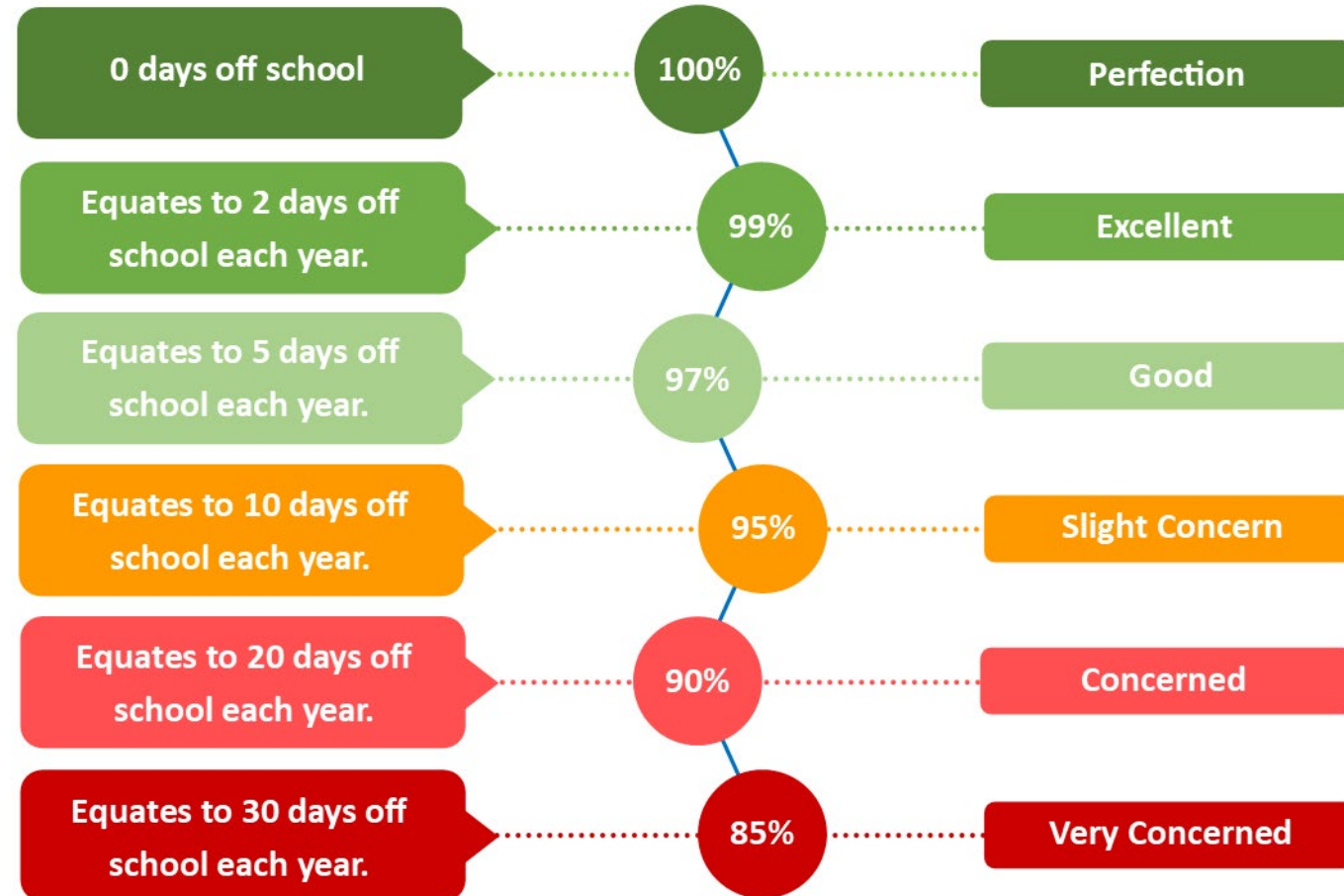
Pretty Miss and Ruck um Maul Sports Ltd, both supply our uniform.





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## Attendance Matters!





## Year 7 Classes:

Mixed  
Ability

- 7 Afan – Mrs Chadwick
- 7 Ebbw - Mrs Jeffries
- 7 Cynon – Miss Booth
- 7 Taff - Mrs Coughlin
- 7 Sirhowy – Mr Howells
- 7 Ogmore - Miss Cooper
- 7 Wye - Miss Day
- 7 Usk- Mr Jones
- 7 Rhondda - Mrs Moore



## Why mixed ability?

We believe that all pupils benefit from a fresh start when they commence secondary school. Therefore, all pupils are placed in mixed ability classes for Year 7. Instead of setting, teachers will differentiate work to ensure that pupils of all abilities within classes are challenged appropriately. From Year 8, pupils are placed in sets for core subjects.



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## Safeguarding:

All schools have a statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of their pupils by:

- Providing a safe environment for children and young people to learn
- Taking appropriate action to keep them safe, both at home and at school, which sometimes may require a referral to Social Care
- Developing children's understanding, awareness and resilience

The **Designated Safeguarding Officer** at West Mon is **Miss Hughes**. She is responsible for all aspects of safeguarding in the school.

There are also three **Deputy Safeguarding Officers**:

**Miss Jordan (Headteacher)**

**Miss Holborn (Head of Learning Year 7)**

**Mrs Webb (Pastoral Support Officer KS3)**

The Safeguarding Policy is available on the school's website and a paper copy is available from school, on request.



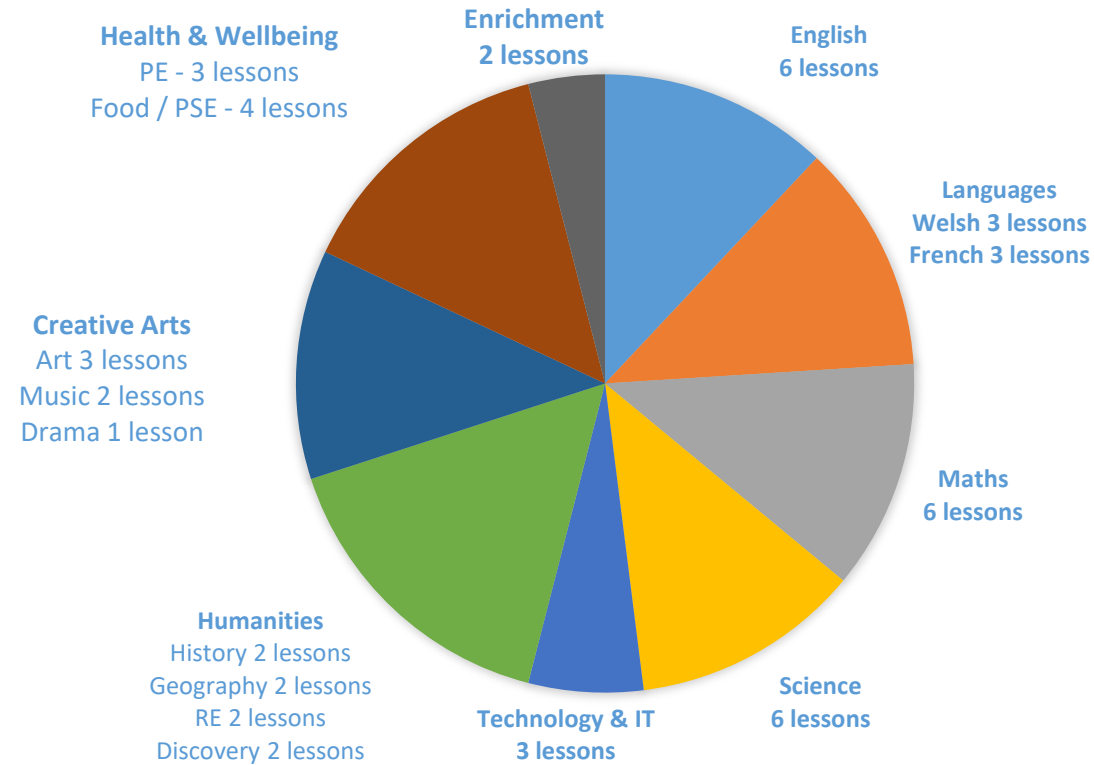
## Your first day at WMS:

- The first day of term for all pupils will be **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**.
- Pupils should arrive in school by **8.25am** and go to their designated area. They will enter at the top gate and will be met by Mrs Holborn and their form tutor.
- They will spend the first part of the morning with their form tutor.
- Also on this day they will have time to explore their timetable and be shown how to find their way around the school. They will also go through the fire evacuation procedure, and also have an induction to ICT and the use of Chromebooks.



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## Your Curriculum:





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## West Mon Wednesdays:

- Year 7 Enrichment programme
- 3 x ten hour blocks – 1 each term
- Lessons 5 & 6 on a Wednesday Week 2
- 'Downtime' used to deliver team building, skills for learning, WMS ethos and values.



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# West Mon Wednesdays:

## West Mon Wednesday

Your creative  
hat...



Your active hat...

Your thinking  
hat...



## West Mon Wednesday

**West Mon Wednesdays** is a new initiative for Year 7 pupils in West Monmouth School.

It means that on Wednesday afternoons (on a Week 2), instead of the normal curriculum, pupils will have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of enrichment activities instead... completely free of charge!

Pupils will study a different course each term and will be encouraged to try a range of 'Active,' 'Creative' and 'Thinking' activities. Each course will last for 5 x two hour sessions (every other week) and will provide pupils with the opportunity to gain new skills, and also to increase their self-confidence. Some of the activities will take place at school but some will also allow our pupils to make use of the state-of-the-art facilities on offer at Torfaen Learning Zone.

We hope that West Mon Wednesdays will help to put the fun back into learning for our pupils and will also help to develop important learning and life skills such as resilience and team work.

So take a look at the menu of the fantastic activities on offer and take your pick. Develop skills you already have or try something completely different... it's entirely up to you!



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**WEST MON  
WEDNESDAYS**



**ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME**

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# West Mon Wednesdays:

## - Active -

**Dance:** A chance to strut your stuff and bust some moves with Hip Hop, Bollywood and Modern dance.

**Musical Theatre:** Learn to dance, sing put a dialogue to it and discuss costumes, props, set lighting. Then take to the stage!

**Handball:** Learn a new sport! Learn sport education and new skills. This popular sport is becoming quite the fashion.

**Grow Your Own:** Learn about where food comes from and how it's grown. Promote a healthy lifestyle which will benefit you in the future.

**Cycling Proficiency:** Bring your bike to school and achieve Level 1 & Level 2 in National Cycling Proficiency award.

**Bike Maintenance:** Learn how to maintain your breaks, tyres and much more on your bike. These skill will set you up for life.

**Rugby Master Class:** Practise new skills and fitness training with our WRU rugby officer.



## - Creative -

**Crafty Crafts:** Ceramics, textiles, printing, mixed media An introduction to the ceramic world on how to be creative 3 dimensionally with clay and how the kiln works. Also learning printing techniques with a

**Photography:** Anyone can take a picture, cant' they? But how many of us can actually take a photograph? Come and have a go!

**Music Technology:** Learn to create digital music and play an instrument to become part of a band.

**Cookery Knowhow:** Do you fancy becoming the next Jamie Oliver or Master Chef? Learn new skills and recipes .



## - Thinking -

**Viva Espania:** Going to Spain on holiday? Learn the Spanish language, culture, festivals and have tapas.

**The Wacky Wonderful Book Club:** Chill out with a good book and meet the fellow book-worms to discuss the latest reads and bring the stories to life.

**Forest School Learning:** Love nature and the out doors? Develop team building, confidence and self-esteem through hands-on experiences in a natural setting

**Fundraise Like A Hero:** Learn key skills in communication, how to manage a committee, marketing and advertising for a charity fundraiser.

**Forensic Science:** Fancy being the new detective in Pontypool — learn how to dust for fingerprint, read DNA from hair and analyse foot prints.





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# We can't wait to meet you!

Thank you for choosing West Monmouth School for the next part of your child's education.  
We look forward to working with you over the next 5 years  
Please check the school website and the **Transition Twitter account - @TransitionWest1** for updates prior to September. Also see the school Facebook page.

If you have any queries please email either Mrs Holborn or Miss Hughes:

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