



Walton Priory Middle School

WELCOME TO YEAR 8

The presentation will begin shortly, please take a seat and make yourself comfortable.

 A copy of this presentation will be shared with you.





Our School Vision

"Inspirational education
for every child built on
strong core values and
limitless thinking ."





Our School Values

- Be kind to one another
- Look after the environment
- Work hard





Our Leadership Team



Headteacher

Miss Sara Houlton



Deputy Headteacher and SENCO

Mr Toby Kemp



Our Leadership Team



Associate Assistant Headteacher

Miss Helena Smith



Associate Assistant Headteacher

Miss Kirsty Woolliscroft



Business Manager

Mrs Alison Wilson



Walton Priory Middle School



Head of KS3 Pastoral

Mrs Suzette Pope

s.pope@waltonpriory.staffs.sch.uk



8AM Form Tutor
Mrs A McGregor



8GC Form Tutor
Mrs G cole
Shared with Mrs
Messenger



8HH Form Tutor
Mrs H Hazlestrine



8MCO Form Tutor
Mr Coughlan



8WP Form Tutor
Mr W Parke



Designated Safeguarding Lead and Deputy Safeguarding Leads

DSL - Mr Toby Kemp

DSL - Ms Joanne Parnell

DDSL - Mrs Sharon Clarkson

DDSL - Miss Sara Houlton



Key email addresses:

Miss Sara Houlton - s.houlton@waltonpriory.staffs.sch.uk

Mr Toby Kemp - t.kemp@waltonpriory.staffs.sch.uk

Miss Helena Smith - h.smith@waltonpriory.staffs.sch.uk

Miss Kirsty Woolliscroft - k.woolliscroft@waltonpriory.staffs.sch.uk

Miss Joanne Parnell - j.parnell@waltonpriory.staffs.sch.uk

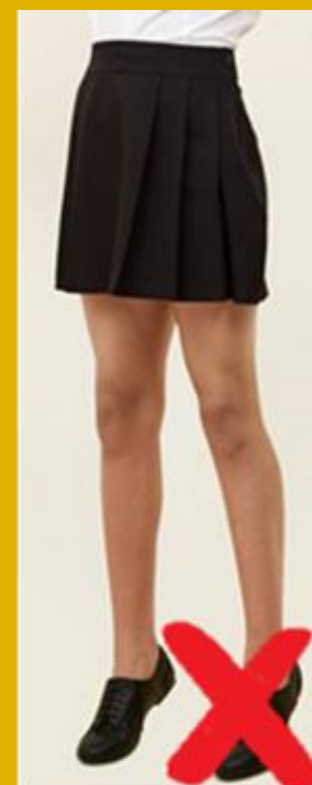
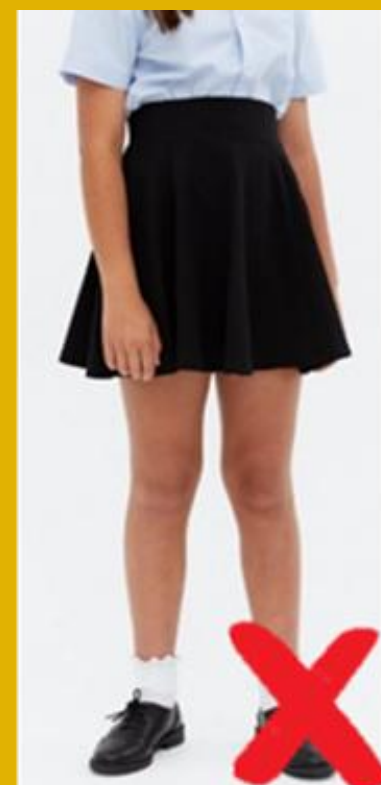
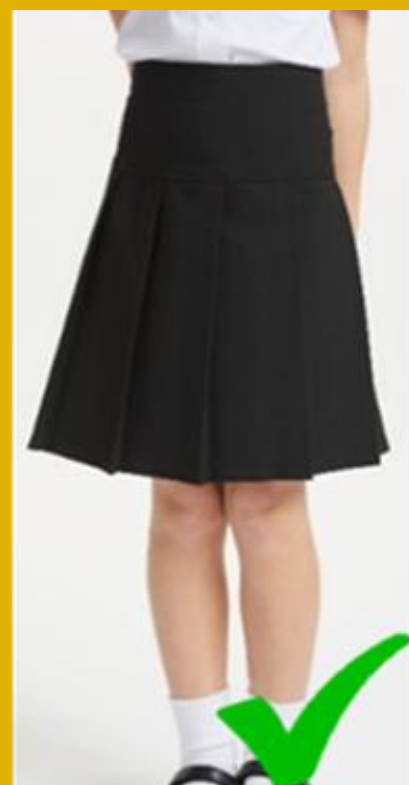
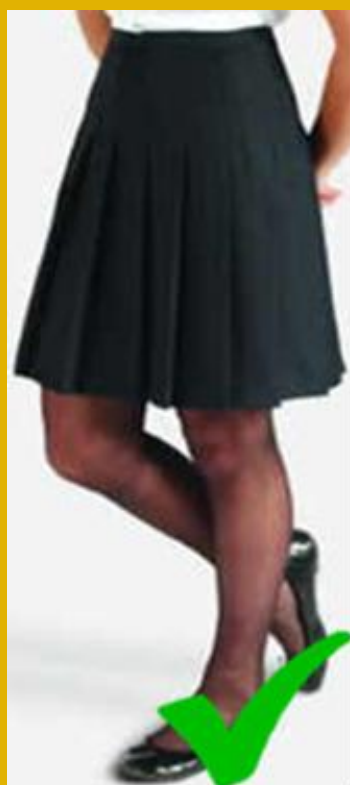
Mrs Suzette Pope - s.pope@waltonpriory.staffs.sch.uk



Uniform Expectations



Uniform Expectations: Skirts



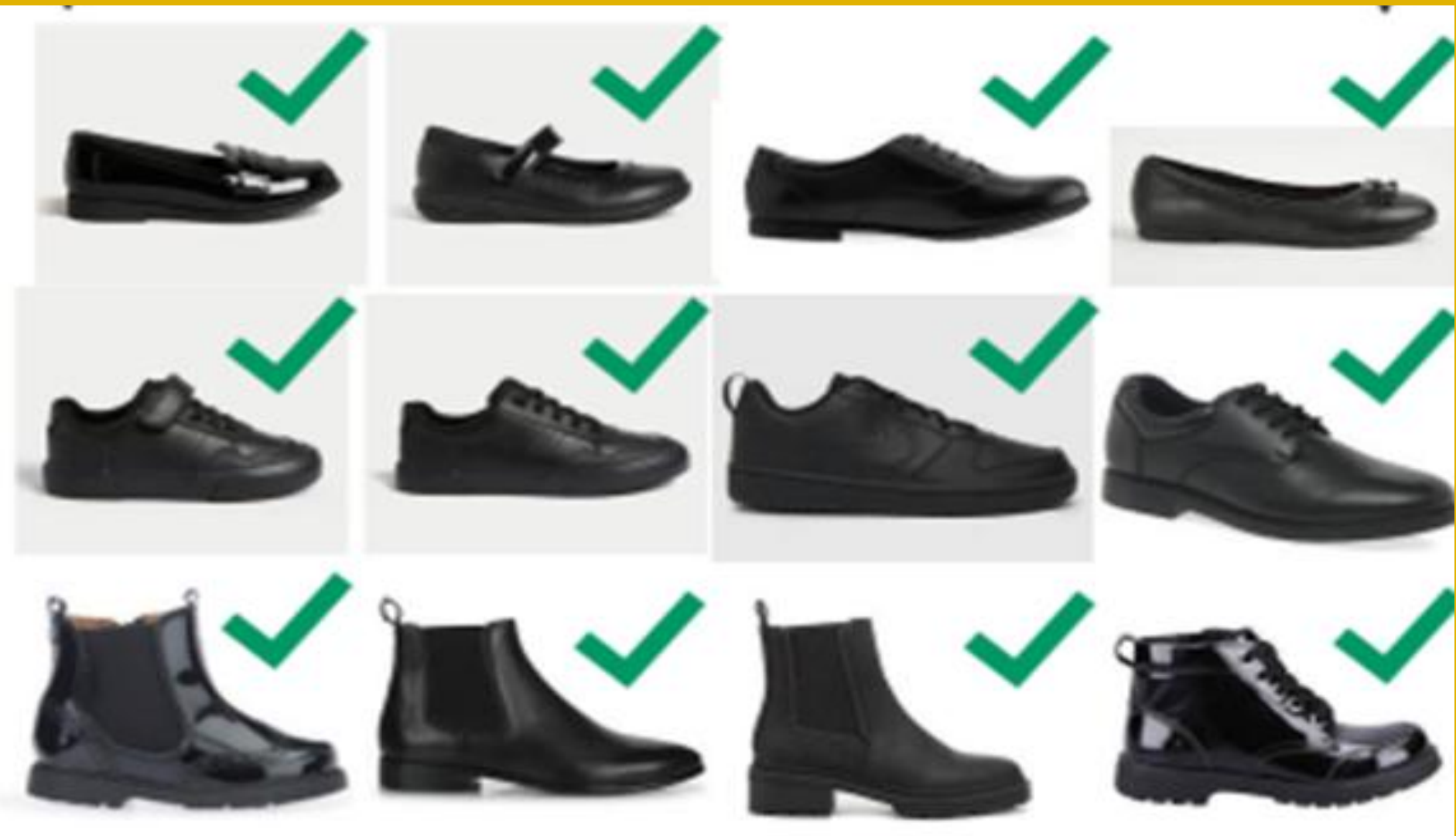
Uniform Expectations: Trousers



Uniform Expectations: PE Shorts



Uniform Expectations: Footwear





Key Stage 3- Years 7 and 8

KS3



8.35am - 8.45am Registration

8.45am - 9.50am Lesson 1

9.50am - 10.55am Lesson 2

10.55am - 11.10am Break

11.10am - 12.15pm Lesson 3

12.15pm - 1.15pm Lesson 4

1.15pm - 2.00pm Lunch

2.00pm - 2.15pm Tutor

2.15pm - 3.15pm Lesson 5





Expectations

- Arrive on time, 8:30am for 8:35am registration
- Always wear correct uniform with tie and have shirt tucked in
- Follow the school's code of conduct and school rules
- Mobile phones to be handed in to class teacher at morning registration and collected at the end of the day



Attendance:

Is my child too ill for school?



Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?	YES Keep them off school until it goes away.	NO Follow the guidance below.
---	---	--------------------------------------

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature. Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	Cold sores Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels. Conjunctivitis Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly. Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP. Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly. Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.	Impetigo They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school. Ringworm See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment. Scarlet fever They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics. Chickenpox Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	Ear infection If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away. Measles They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system. Vomiting & diarrhoea Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

Illness and medical appointments:

Not sure if your child is well enough for school? Check the NHS guidance: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

For example, if they've got a runny nose, slight cough or headache but no high temperature, they can usually still attend if they are otherwise well – and we'll keep an eye on them. If your child has a medical appointment, try to book it outside of school hours where possible. If not, send them in before and after the appointment so they don't miss a full day. If you are thinking of keeping your child at home when they're unwell, it's important to tell us as soon as possible.

Reporting absences:

1st day of absence: Ring the school and press option 1. Leave us a message and it will update Arbor or alternatively log the absence on arbor

Please keep us updated by ringing the school office

Appointments: Please let us know in advance of appointments by ringing or emailing the school office

[Our contact details](#)
[Phone: 01785 550040](tel:01785550040)
[Email: office@waltonpriory.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@waltonpriory.staffs.sch.uk)



Equipment Expectations

Below is a list of equipment that we expect your child to bring to school everyday.

- ✓ Pencils
 - ✓ Black pen
 - ✓ Green pen
 - ✓ Ruler
 - ✓ Eraser
 - ✓ Glue stick
 - ✓ Coloured pencil crayons
 - ✓ Pencil case
 - ✓ Mini/pocket dictionary
 - ✓ Refillable water bottle
 - ✓ Wired headphones (small auxiliary plug
- Calculator: Casio FX-83GTCW Scientific calculator)



**Please note: There are no planners in year 8 -
draft books can be used**



Homework

7GC Homework Timetable

Day set	Subject	Day due
Monday	Maths	Thursday
Tuesday	English - booklet	Tuesday
Wednesday	Science	Every other Tuesday
Thursday	Maths	Monday
Friday	Humanities (set fortnightly on Seneca)	Every other Friday

Other subjects e.g. Music, French, PSHE, DT, FT, Art, Careers may be set on an 'ad hoc' basis.



- Homework is set for Maths, English, Science and Humanities.
- Arbor is used for homework, some subjects will also use Seneca - this will be introduced and supported by subject staff
- Humanities: 1 piece fortnightly (Seneca)
- Science: 1 piece weekly
- English: 1 piece weekly
- We strongly encourage students to practice timetables
- We recommend students read for 15 minutes daily at home



Reading Expectations

- Accelerated reading scheme
- Quizzes
- Word count - prizes/ rewards
- Word millionaires
- Reciprocal Reading
- Daily reading at home





Year 8 Trips and Costs

Black Country Museum

Date: 2nd December 2026

Cost: approx £15

Residential

Dates: 12th-16th July 2027

Location: France

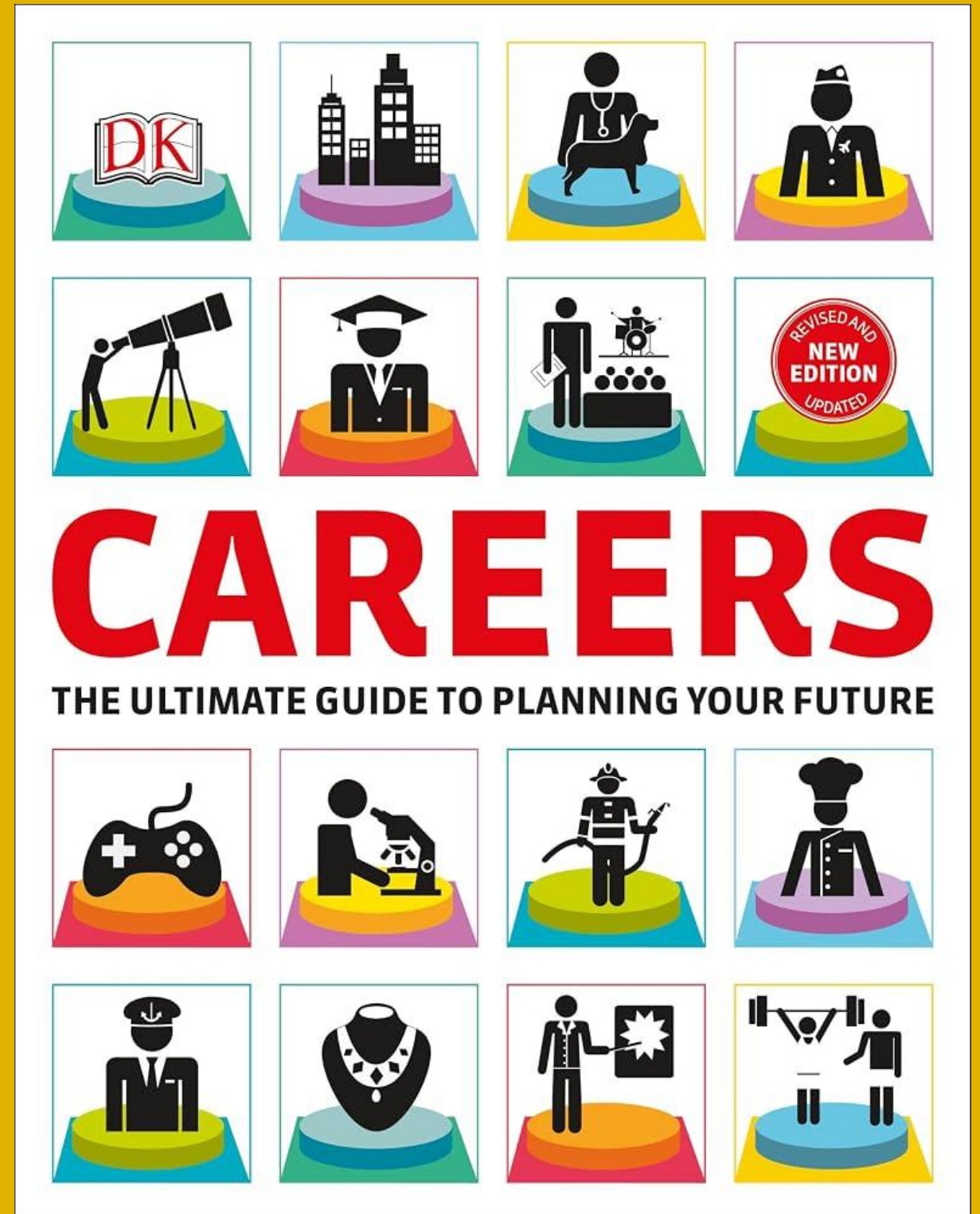
Cost: Approximate Cost- £770 (TBC)





Careers

- Experience of the work place
- Individual pupil record - Compass+
- Careers week
- Careers curriculum





Leadership Opportunities

Head Pupils:

Staff have had the opportunity to nominate pupils for the role of Head Pupil. These will then be selected by Miss Houlton.

Subject leader:

- Pupils have had the opportunity to sign up to be a subject leader
- Staff will select a set number of pupils from these lists to support their subject
- They will have roles and responsibilities for the subject they are working with
- They will promote and support their chosen subject at different events like open evening and transition

School council:

- Opportunity to be a class rep on school council



Transition

- Application to secondary schools deadline is the 31st October 2026 (an offer will be given beginning of March 2027) - Staffordshire County Council (attached is a handbook from the council)
- <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2026-08/Secondary%20Information%20for%20Parents%20booklet.pdf>
- JCB open day Saturday 03 October 2026 Please visit the academy website to book a place.
- Alleyne's - Open evening Thursday 24th September 5-7pm. Letter sent this week.
- Rural Enterprise Academy is Thursday 01 October 2026 - 5:00pm
- Details of other school transition options can be found at <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/open-morning-and-evenings>
- Assemblies from the Head of Alleyne's Academy and Head of Year
- Transition tests in Maths, English and Science
- Two transition days at Alleyne's Academy in the Summer term
- JCB and Rural Enterprise Academy will have separate visits and transition days
- Alleyne's - Extra Transition time for SEND and SEMH pupils



End of Year Celebrations

- Afternoon Awards Ceremony for pupils
- Leavers' Prom
- Leavers trip (approximate cost £30 tbc)
- Leavers' hoodies (will be ordered for the approximate cost £20)
- French trip - (approximate cost £770 tbc)





Transport

You can contact the School Admissions and Transport Service by:

- Email: admissions@staffordshire.gov.uk
- Phone: 0300 111 8007 (select the option for 'School Admissions & Transport')





Lost Property

- We often have an unbelievable amount of items in our lost property corner
- Please can you ensure that all uniform and items (Water bottles, lunch boxes, bags etc) are clearly labelled with your child's name and tutor group!

www.stikins.co.uk

www.mynametags.com

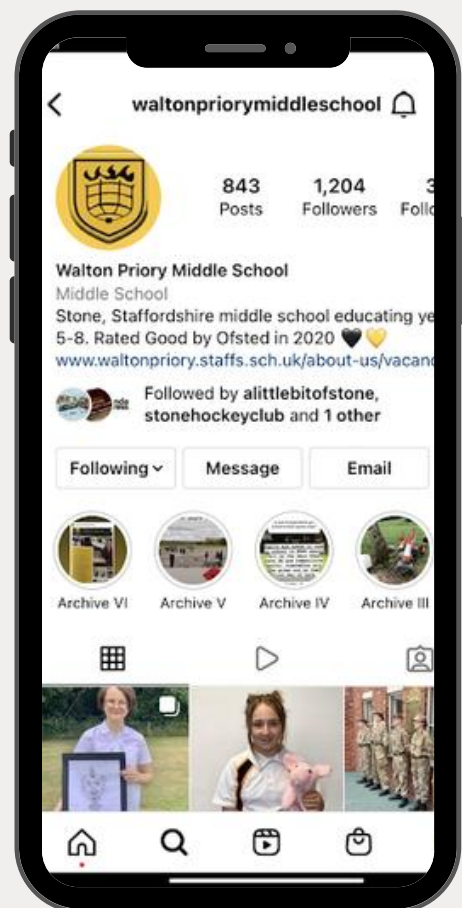


Social Media



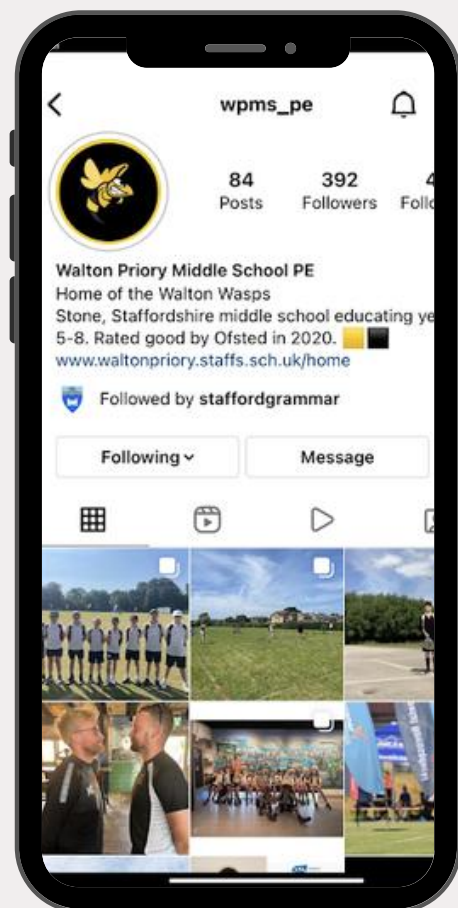
Instagram

[@waltonpriorymiddleschool](https://www.instagram.com/waltonpriorymiddleschool)



Instagram

[@wpms_pe](https://www.instagram.com/wpms_pe)



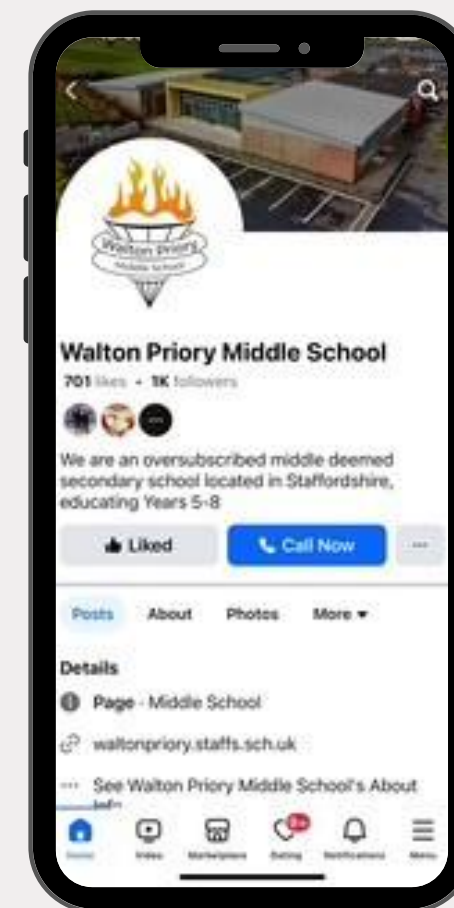
Instagram

[@wp_art24](https://www.instagram.com/wp_art24)



Facebook

[Walton Priory Middle School](https://www.facebook.com/WaltonPrioryMiddleSchool)





Walton Priory Middle School

THANK YOU FOR VISITING US

