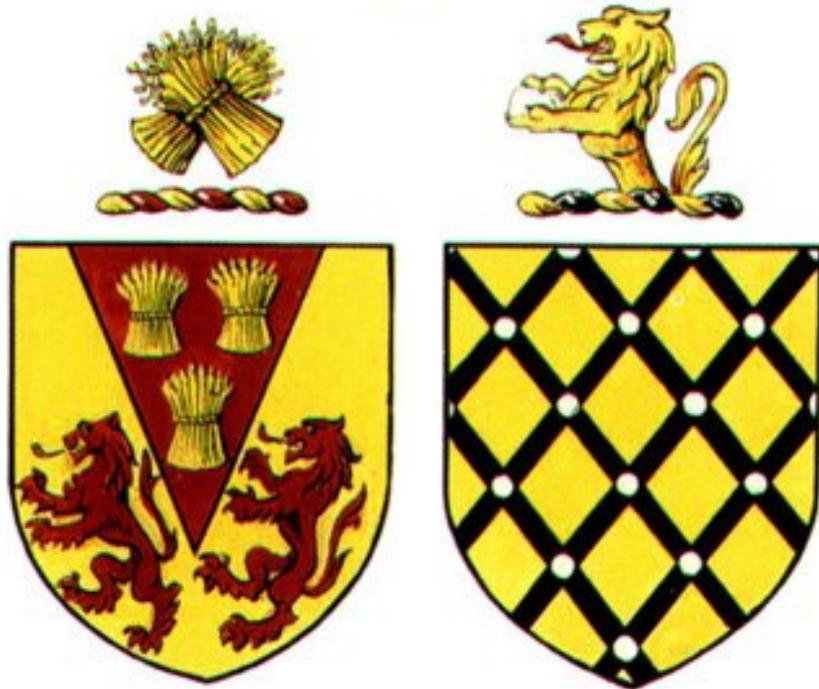


My Transition Booklet



Name: _____

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Welcome to Watford Grammar School for Girls

Dear new Year 7 Students,

Welcome to Watford Grammar School for Girls. We are so pleased you have chosen to begin the next chapter of your life and education here with us. You are beginning your journey with us at a very exciting time, as we have lots of wonderful things planned for Year 7!

Usually we would come out to visit you, tell you more about the school and answer any questions you may have. Unfortunately, that cannot happen this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

This pack is designed so that you can start learning about our community and includes tasks that we would like you to complete so that we can learn more about you.

We also have a new area of the school's website dedicated to your transition - it has really useful information that will answer many of your questions.

We look forward to meeting you in September,

Kind regards,

Ms O'Loughlin & Ms Smith
Head of Year Deputy Head of Year

About Me

Please fill in these boxes to give us a little bit of information about you!

My favourite lesson is:

Outside of school, I love to:

The things I find difficult are:

I am happiest when:

I am most looking forward to:

Uniform Expectations

We take pride in our uniform at Watford Girls, as it shows that we all belong in our community. You can find the full expectations for uniform in the parent handbook and in the transition section of the school website. Here is a short summary:



Navy pleated skirt

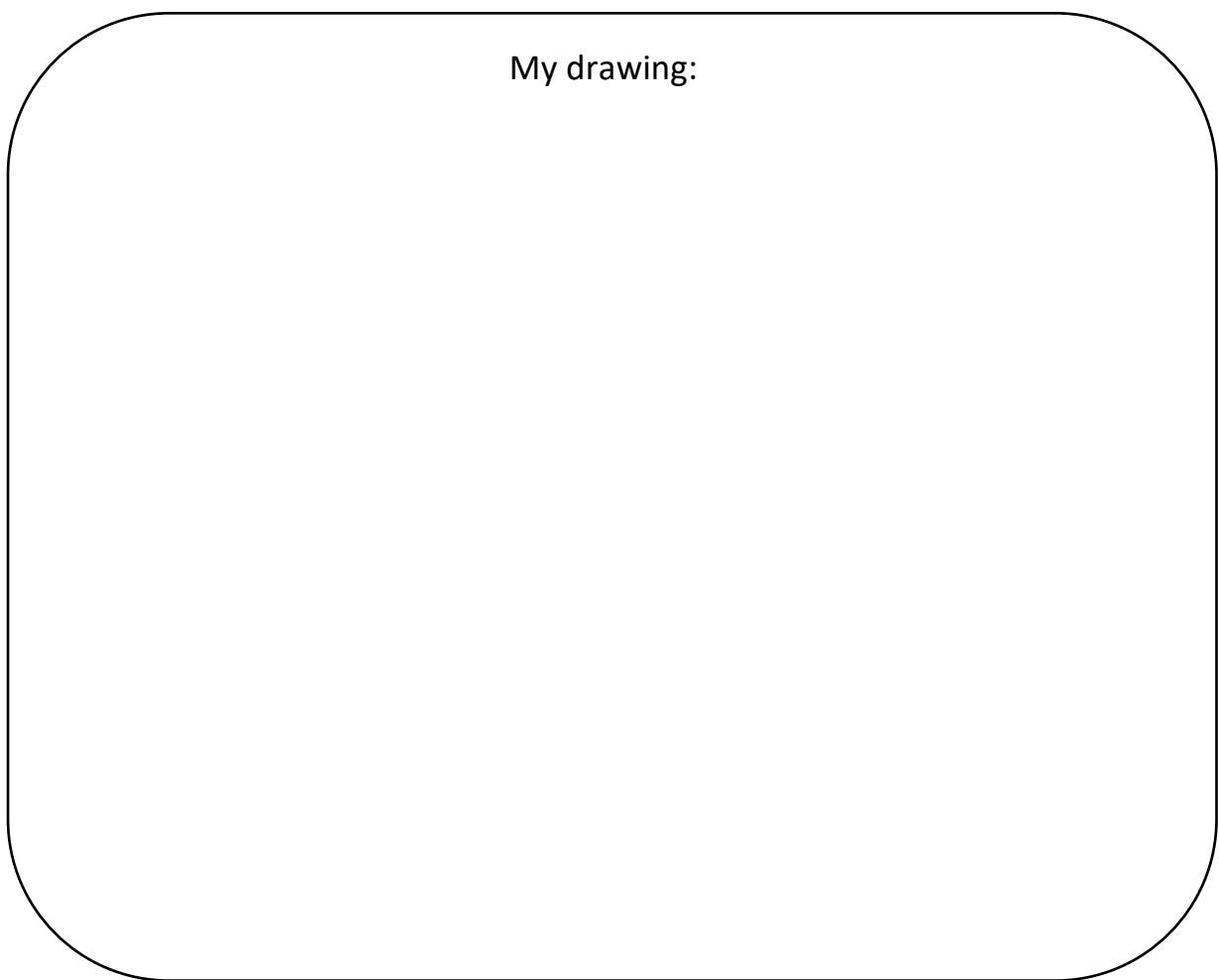
Navy blazer

Navy v-neck jumper

Gold blouse

Draw a picture of a Watford Girl wearing the correct uniform and label the parts that you think are most important. Remember the details, for example black or navy shoes, or the school badge on the blazer.

My drawing:



Equipment List

Having the correct equipment with you is important for organisation and helps your learning.

You should always have the following in your pencil case:

Is my Pencil Case Ready for Year 7?	
Equipment	Tick
Two working black or blue pens	
Two working green pens	
A 30cm ruler	
A rubber	
A sharpened pencil	
Pencil Sharpener	
Protractor	
Compass	
Scientific Calculator	
Colouring Pencils	
Glue stick	
At least one highlighter	

Other Essentials:

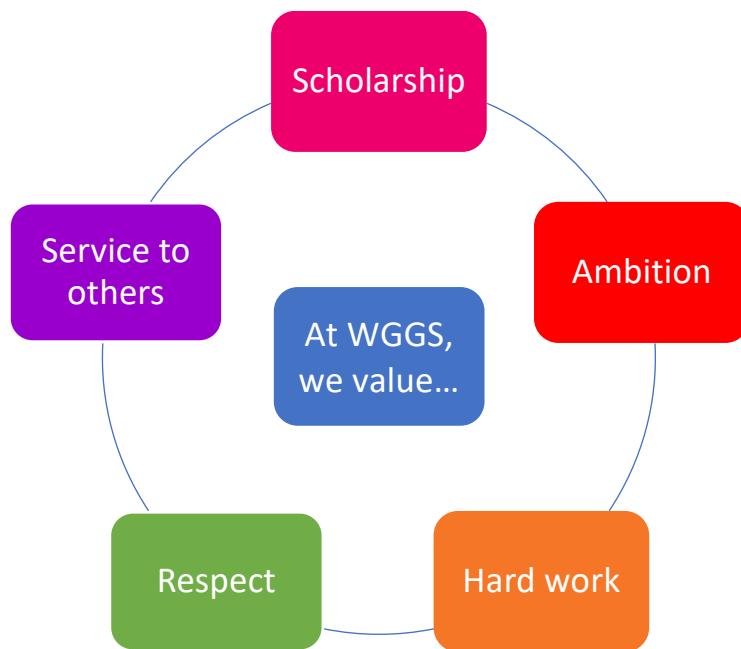
- Your planner (you will be given this in September)
- A reading book
- Two dictionaries - one for English and one for the foreign language you will be studying. You will find out which foreign language you will be studying in September.



Being a Watford Girl

At Watford Girls, our motto is '*I can do it and I will do it*'. This means that even during tough times, we keep trying our best. We show determination and *resilience* in our actions. Resilience means overcoming difficulty.

Describe your proudest achievement. How did you stay motivated to reach your goal? Did you have any difficulties that you had to overcome to get there?



These are values that we all uphold at Watford Girls, inside and outside of school. Think of your own value that is important to you and give an example of how you could demonstrate this, either at home or at school.

Reading

Reading is not only essential for learning, but a fulfilling way to spend your time. The library is a buzzing hub of activity throughout the school day, where you can spend your time getting lost in the latest fiction.

The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go. —Dr. Seuss

Books are the plane, and the train, and the road. They are the destination, and the journey. They are home.

—Anna Quindlen

Reading is an exercise in empathy; an exercise in walking in someone else's shoes for a while. —Malorie Blackman

Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.

—Joseph Addison

At Watford Girls, there are many ways you can foster your love of reading. For example:

- One form time a week is dedicated to reading
- Year 7s have library skills lessons with our fantastic librarian
- We have a vibrant and enthusiastic Reading Club
- You can write your own novel at Creative Writing Club
- We recommend that you spend half an hour reading every day
- Dressing up for World Book Day as your favourite literary character

Year 7 Reading List:

Here are some suggestions for books you could read over the summer. There is a column for you to suggest books that you think other year 7s should read.

Classic	Horror	Thriller	Non-Fiction	Multi-Cultural	My Suggestions
<i>Black Beauty</i> Anna Sewell	<i>Saint Death</i> By Marcus Sedgwick	<i>Noughts & Crosses</i> Malorie Blackman	<i>A Lion Called Christian</i> A. Bourke & J. Rendall	<i>The Garbage King</i> by Elizabeth Laird	
<i>Oliver Twist</i> Charles Dickens	<i>Frozen Charlotte</i> Alex Bell	<i>Twelve Minutes to Midnight</i> Christopher Edge	<i>Call the Midwife</i> Jennifer Worth	<i>Growing Yams in London</i> Sophie Acheampong	
<i>Peter Pan</i> J M Barrie	<i>Memory</i> Christoph Marzi	<i>13 Hours</i> Narinder Dhami	<i>The Diary of Anne Frank</i>	<i>The Book Thief</i> Marcus Zusak	
<i>Pride & Prejudice</i> Jane Austen	<i>The Prince of Mist</i> Carl Ruiz Zafon	<i>The 5th Wave</i> Rick Yancy	Biographies/Autobiographies	<i>Does My Head Look Big in This?</i> Randa Abdel Fattah	

Forms and Competitions

When you join Watford Grammar School for Girls, you will be put into a form group, who you will be with until the end of year 11. We take pride in our form, supporting each other throughout our school life.

As a form group, you will take part in a range of competitions, charity fundraising events and the biggest day of the year: sports day. There is so much variety that there will always be something in which you can get involved.

Giving to charity is such an important part of Watford Girls and each form will organise at least one charity event every term. Previous charity events have included a sponsored silence, movie night, teacher karaoke and plenty of cake sales.

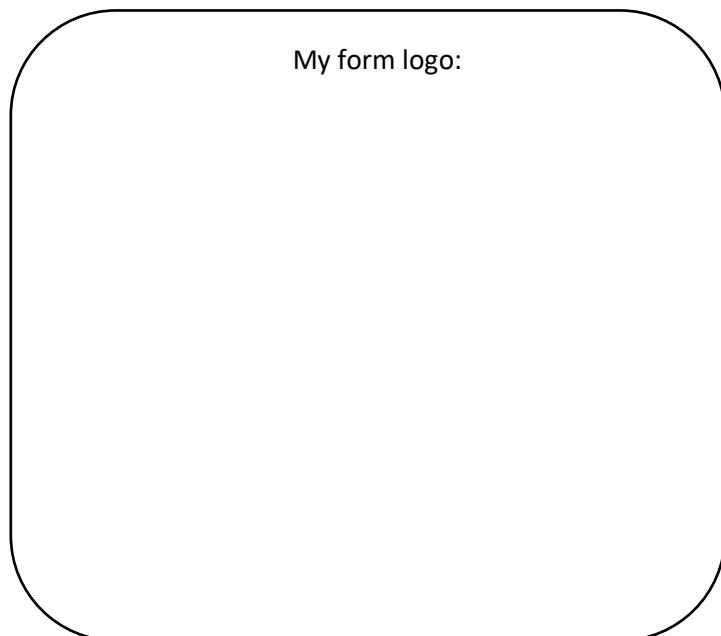
Our form colours are:

- **7A: Red**
- **7B: Yellow**
- **7C: Blue**
- **7D: Purple**
- **7E: White**
- **7F: Pink**
- **7G: Green**



To help run your form, there are four leadership positions for which you will have the opportunity to run. These are form representative, charity representative, sports representative, and school council representative. You will find out more about these roles and how to run for them in September.

Use this space to design a logo for your form. Make sure you use your form's colour.



My form logo:

School Clubs and Enrichment

There are a wide range of extra-curricular activities for you to join at lunchtime and afterschool. These are a great way to make new friends, boost your confidence, and learn important skills. Here are a few examples of clubs on offer:

Choir



Badminton



Computer Science Club



Drama Club



Reading Club



Science Club



We would love to hear about what activities you enjoy doing, and what you would like to try in year 7.

This year, I have attended these clubs:

In year 7, I would like to try:

A Typical School Day

A normal day at Watford Girls probably looks quite different to a day at your primary school. For one thing, each lesson takes place in a different classroom, so you need to be organised and plan ahead.

It might seem daunting to remember where each classroom is, or what lesson you have next, but the school is full of staff and pupils who are happy to help you. Soon you will be in a routine and the school day will be second nature to you.

*Tip: Keep a copy of your timetable in your locker, your school planner, and your bag.
That way, there will always be a copy nearby for you to check.*

8:40-9:05	Morning Registration: Form Time or Assembly
9:05-9:40	Period 1
9:40-10:15	Period 2
10:15-10:35	Break
10:35-11:05	Period 3
11:05- 11:40	Period 4
11:40-11:50	Changeover
11:50-12:20	Period 5
12:20-12:55	Period 6
12:55-1:55	Lunch
1:55-2:30	Period 7
2:30-3:05 (2:30-3:15)	Period 8 (Tuesday only)
(3:05-3:15)	(PM Registration Friday only)
3:05-3:45	Period 9

Student Wellbeing

Moving to secondary school might seem overwhelming, but the school is full of people who are happy to help you. Not only could you speak to your form tutor, Ms O'Loughlin or Ms Smith if you have a problem, but you will also have a form prefect – a year 12 student who will visit the form regularly. The medical room also has lots of resources to support your mental wellbeing.

“What if...” thoughts are normal, especially when there is a lot of new information. Here are a few solutions to common problems, as well as space to write your own questions.

What if...

... I am late to school?

If you have missed form time, sign in at the school office and go to your next lesson.

... I have lost something?

Lost property is stored next to the food factory. Small valuables are kept in the medical room.

... I feel ill?

If you feel ill, you must tell a member of staff straight away. If it is break or lunchtime then you can go to the medical room.

.. What if?

... I am absent?

Your parents/carers must phone or email the school before 8.30am each day you are absent.

Make a list of where you could look to find the answers to your questions.

e.g the school's website

Transition Scenarios

Have a look through these scenarios and write a little bit about what you would do if it ever happened to you.

These scenarios can be discussed in form with your classmates.

You have just gotten off the bus and have forgotten your PE kit for your lesson today period 5!

How would you feel?

What would you do?

You have left your homework at home and it is due in today!

How would you feel?

What would you do?

Someone has said something unkind to you at breaktime.

How would you feel?

What would you do?

You are lost in the building.

How would you feel?

What would you do?

The bus/ train/ tube is no longer running/ terminates early/ is diverted and you are not sure where to go.

How would you feel?

What would you do?

Top Tips for Year 7

Here are ten top tips put together by our current year 7. They are so excited to meet you in September.

- 1 • Always wear a watch
- 2 • Pack your bag the night before
- 3 • Leave plenty of time to get to your next lesson
- 4 • Be friendly to everyone
- 5 • Make a homework timetable or do your homework the day it is set
- 6 • Keep your phone turned off and in your locker
- 7 • Label all of your things with your full name and form, including your uniform
- 8 • Eat breakfast every day. It will help you concentrate.
- 9 • Try to learn where your classrooms are as soon as you can.
- 10 • Make the most of opportunities. Get involved with everything you can.

Checklist for September

Over the summer, tick everything off to make sure you are prepared to start in September. There is space at the end for you to add your own ideas.

Things to check / remember	Tick
Full school uniform	
School Bag	
Your pencil case is ready with equipment	
A reading book.	
Full PE Kit (your form tutor will tell you when to start bringing it to school).	
You know where to get your transport and have your oyster card	
Your Parent has topped up Parent Pay	
Lunch box packed or money topped up on ParentPay	
Set alarm for the morning	
Your induction booklet	
A positive mental attitude and a smile	

***We are so excited to welcome you to
WGGS in September***

