



WADE DEACON  
HIGH SCHOOL

# A Student's Guide

## Your first year at Wade Deacon

September 2025



**A COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE**

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## A Student's guide for September

Included in this booklet is information to help you get ready for starting in September. You must be very excited! After reading this booklet, you may wish to make a note of any questions you would like to ask when you arrive on the 5th September.

We are really looking forward to meeting you again and hope that you will enjoy this snapshot of daily life at Wade Deacon High School.



"I'm glad I chose Wade Deacon as the teachers are always available to help me and are always pushing me to do better."\*

\* All quotes in this booklet are supplied by our Year 7 intake!! We hope you enjoy reading them!

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## Principal's Welcome



Throughout your five years with us, you will have many opportunities to develop the full range of skills and knowledge that you will need to help you succeed in later life.

You will have the opportunity to develop your talents to the full and I expect everyone to work very hard so that you can achieve your potential. I ask only for 3 commitments from you: Give the Very Best of Yourself, Respect Yourself and Others and Believe in Yourself.

All of your teachers will work hard to provide the best learning opportunities for you so please take full advantage of them. If you work hard, then you will enjoy your time at Wade Deacon High School and reap the rewards that you deserve. I am pleased you have chosen to join us at Wade Deacon and wish you the very best for what will be 5 very exciting years.

Mr Hesketh  
Principal

## ALL WE ASK OF YOU



RESPECT  
YOURSELF  
& OTHERS



GIVE THE  
VERY BEST  
OF YOURSELF



BELIEVE IN  
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## School Uniform

Wade Deacon pupils demonstrate their 'Commitment to Excellence' by wearing our Academy uniform with pride. Uniform appearance should be neat and tidy.



Our Uniform consists of the following:

- Black blazer with blue trim and school badge;
- Blue/Black tartan skirt or black trousers;
- White shirt;
- School tie, to be worn at a standard length, with school crest on display;
- Sensible plain black shoes;
- Plain white socks (no ribbons/bows) or navy-blue tights;
- Plain black V neck jumper;
- Scarves are permitted but must be worn outside;
- Hoodies are not acceptable on the school premises.

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## Appropriate School Footwear

Shoes must be black in colour. There should be no coloured stitching or coloured flashes visible on the shoe (excluding the small label on the side of Kickers school shoes).

Vivienne Westwood 'Melissa' style shoes, including those with a black logo are not permitted, see images on the below for further clarity; please do not purchase them.

Trainers or trainer style shoes are not permitted, please do not purchase them: this includes Hugo Boss, Cruyff, Adidas Stan Smith, Kickers or any other brands; the named examples are not an exhaustive list, please see images on the below for further clarity.

- Shoes must be able to be polished, please note that patent leather shoes are acceptable, however, suede leather is not permitted.
- Heels over 2cm are not allowed.
- No boots of any description are permitted,
- No platforms, sandals, slingbacks or fashion shoes are allowed.
- Canvas pumps will not be acceptable as school shoes or for use in Physical Education lessons.



✓ Acceptable Footwear



✗ Unacceptable Footwear



Parents and carers must ensure that all property is clearly and indelibly marked with its owner's name. We recommend that large sums of money, valuable clothing or belongings should not be brought to school. The school's insurance policy does not cover loss or damage to personal belongings such as mobile phones.

Hair colour must be natural, any hair accessories (hairbands, clips or bobbles) must be black, royal blue or white.

**Jewellery should not be worn.**

No badges are to be worn other than those issued by the school.

**Pupils are not permitted to wear nail polish or acrylic nails.**

Pupils are not permitted to wear any form of facial or body piercing; this includes micro/clear studs.

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### PE Kit



#### Boys' PE kit

Boys black and red rugby shirt Black shorts with red stripe Black knee length socks  
Black and red rain jacket (optional) Trainers (Converse not suitable for PE)  
Football boots (Made for dual use on grass and 3G pitch)



#### Girls' PE kit

Girls black and red T-Shirt Black shorts with red stripe Red knee length socks  
Red jumper (optional)  
Black and red rain jacket (optional) Trainers (Converse not suitable for PE)  
Football boots (Moulded for dual use on grass and 3G pitch)



We want to recognise and celebrate your achievements. Subject teachers issue comments on Synergy and award RISE Points in recognition of excellent achievement and participation. When you gain enough points they are exchanged for a lapel badge which informs everyone of your outstanding achievement.

There are 4 badges—each requiring more RISE points. Will you be able to earn a full set by the end of Y7?

Exceptional attitude to your work is also celebrated through phone calls, the sending of congratulatory postcards and letters, as well as invitations to special events.

"I love Wade Deacon. It has a lovely atmosphere and provides a modern way of learning with good technology and equipment. I am glad to be here."

"My advice would be: don't panic!— as long as you work as hard as you can, you will fly through school with no problems. High school isn't as scary as it seems. Just always try hard."



'A Commitment to Excellence'



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## Attendance & Punctuality

We expect that you will be able to maintain a full attendance record at school. However, if for example you are ill and unable to attend, or you will be late to school for any reason, then your parent or carer must contact the school via Synergy or telephone 0151 423 2721 by 9:00am each day of absence.

In order that you do not fall behind others in your class, you will be expected to catch up on work you have missed during your absence

The Wade Deacon target for attendance is 97% each year. Hit this target and you will have the best chance of achieving your potential!



"When you go into school, every day your form tutor will have a big smile on their face, welcoming you into the team of year 7s."

"Although moving to a new school is different and you may be nervous, Wade Deacon is very welcoming, and all the teachers are helpful and kind."



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## Home Learning & Revision

Homework is a vital part of school life. It is used to support the work you complete in your lessons and provide you with opportunities to work independently. Each subject will provide homework for you on a weekly or two - weekly basis which will be recorded on Synergy.

Synergy is an easy-to-use online homework resource showing information, guidance and deadlines. All teachers publish their homework online to pupils' and parents' accounts.



Revision is extremely important. As you will undertake tests regularly throughout each year, it is essential that you are in the habit of regular revision. It is recommended that you take a 'little and often' approach, looking at one or two subjects each night for around 30-40 minutes.

To help you to revise and retain information, you will receive a Knowledge Organiser which you will use in class, during form period and in your home learning

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## The Wade Deacon Experience

A full range of opportunities are available to you after school. You may be interested in the following:

Team and individual sports  
 Dance and Drama productions  
 Art Club  
 Comic Club  
 Dungeons & Dragons Club

Chess Club  
 Culture Club  
 Playing musical instruments  
 Singing in the choir  
 Foreign visits and holidays  
 Year Group trips such as Ten Pin Bowling, Theatre Visits or Ice Skating.  
 Student Leadership Teams





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## The Wade Deacon Experience



We have a wonderful team of Prefects in school who are appointed as role-models because they represent everything we ask for in a Wade Deacon pupil. They are hardworking, motivated and keen to ensure everyone enjoys our school as much as they do! If you are unsure of something or need assistance— ask anyone in a red tie and they will help you. Maybe when you are in Year 11, you could be a prefect too.

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## The School



Time	Activity
8:40	Lines then tutor period or assembly
9:00-10:00am	Lesson 1
10:00-11:00am	Lesson 2
11:00-11:15am	Break
11:15-12:15pm	Lesson 3
12:15-12:45pm	1 <sup>st</sup> half Lesson 4
12:45-1:15pm	Lunch
1:15-1:45pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> half Lesson 4
1:45-2:45pm	Lesson 5
2:45-3:45pm	Extra-curricular

## Equipment

- A suitable school bag.
- Knowledge Organiser (supplied by school)
- A pencil case
- 2 black pens
- A purple pen
- A set of coloured pencils
- A ruler
- A pencil
- An eraser
- A protractor
- A compass.
- A scientific calculator.



The school restaurant is open in the morning for breakfast from 8.00am to 8.35am. A variety of hot and cold snacks are served at break time. Our students remain on the school premises during break time and lunch time.

There are a number of options available to you at lunchtime. You may choose: A packed lunch from home or sandwiches, salads or a variety of hot meals bought from the restaurant.

The school operates as a cashless system. Parents can add lunch money to ParentPay via the school website: [www.wadedeacon.co.uk](http://www.wadedeacon.co.uk)

Alternatively pupils can deposit money into the biometric machines located around the building.



The part of school I like best has been meeting new friends, learning lots of new subjects in a fun way and being surrounded by lots of happy people."

"Don't be nervous. Take every day as it comes and if you need help, ask a teacher or another student. But most of all enjoy Year 7 because it's been brilliant for me."



We look  
forward to  
welcoming  
you in  
September





Principal: Mr Brendon Hesketh

Head of School: Mr Matthew Deeney

Year 7 Progress Leader: Ms Barker

Year 7 Assistant Progress leader: Ms Keenan

Transition Lead: Mr Moran



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