

Thomas Telford School



First Day/Week Information for 6.1 Students

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Important note from the Headmaster

Currently with the revised guidance from the Department for Education, parents will not be allowed to enter the school site until further notice. Any concerns or questions should be directed to the Personal Tutor by phone or email

In future when normal operations resume, please note that the School has a single point of entry and exit to School. Please stop at the supervised gatehouse on entry and observe the one way system at all times. Parents must not come onto School premises at the start and end of each, unless by prior arrangement with the member of staff.

In addition, following instructions from the Governing Board, and in the interest of student safety, any vehicle entering the School site between 3.00pm and 3.20pm will not be able to leave the site until the exit barrier is lifted at 3.35pm. This is to allow students to cross the School perimeter roads to embark on the coaches or exit the site safely.

1. What do I need to bring to School on the first day?

First Year Sixth

- timetable (which will be sent to you after GCSE results day)
- pen, pencil, ruler, rubber and calculator (for Mathematics and Science only)

On the days you are doing practical activities in PE, Dance or Performing Arts please come in your kit

On the first day, new 6.1 students will be given an envelope containing their login and password for computer access. Please note that the details must never be given to anyone else. Any misuse of computer facilities will be traced to individual login and password and it is therefore essential that this is confidential.

2. Travelling to and from School

General

The transport arrangements have been made with due regard to the safety and best interests of the students. Suggestions for improvement will be accepted by the School but the School's decision will be final.

Arrival at School

The most suitable time for students to arrive at School is between 8.00am and 8.20am. **The School is unable to receive students earlier than 7.45am. Students should make their way straight to the learning venue as per the timetable.** 6.1 Telford students should enter and leave the School site via the gate at the bottom of the site, not the gatehouse entrance, so please be mindful of this if dropping your child off and collecting by car.

Departure from School

A staggered finish operates at the end of the day. **6.1 will finish at 3:30pm**, being escorted to their cloakroom, then to Wolverhampton coaches and the School gate for a prompt departure. If you are collecting your child could you please collect them promptly to avoid congestion outside the School gate.

Wolverhampton Coach Service

All coaches are fitted with lap belts, these must be worn at all times. **Failure to do so will result in students losing the right to travel on the coach.**

Adult stewards, employed by the School, will be present on the coaches and will take registers. All stewards are issued with mobile telephones.

On arrival at School 6.1 will have a designated bus stop outside their cloakroom. **This is stop 1. (see map)**

At the end of the day, coaches will depart from Coach Pick up Area on the hard play area.

Details of your route number, pick-up point and time will be mailed to you just before the beginning of term.

Bus Passes

Bus passes are available for students whose families are in receipt of government financial assistance. Please contact the school office at the beginning of term. Details of discounted fares for other students are available at: www.wrekinconnect.co.uk.

Parents bringing students by car

Parents are requested to stop their cars in the DROPPING OFF ZONES adjacent to the School

Students driving by car

Please note that there are no car parking facilities on the School site for student cars. Cars parked outside the School are done so at owner's risk.

3. What do I do when I get there?

6.1 Students will be directed by staff on duty to the theatre. Personal belongings will then be taken to the cloakroom for 6.1 in the Reynolds building. No coats or bags are to be taken into the main body of the School. After Mr Rawlings addresses 6.1 they will be escorted to their learning areas by class teachers



Safety Notice

In the interests of students' safety, parents are requested not to come on to the School site to drop off or collect students at the beginning and end of the School day.

Please do not drop off students, park or turn your cars around on the zigzag lines or in the entrance/exit area; this is both illegal and dangerous. The area is well signposted and has road markings.

We receive many concerns and complaints from parents about inconsiderate driving and we would respectfully remind parents to make every effort to comply with these arrangements in the best interests of our children's safety.

The School's Road Safety Group is working with the local authority and police to improve safety.

4. 6.1

The majority of Sixth Form students will finish at 11:40am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. **Please see your individual timetable for details.** Remote learning materials and tasks will be assigned by your teachers to be completed during this time. Transport for Wolverhampton students will be provided at 11:45am on the school coach service.

5. Timing of the School Day

Session Times

Monday to Friday

Session 1 (including breakfast)	8.30am to 11.45am
Session 2 (including lunch)	11.45pm to 3.15pm

School Meals

Please note that all food and drink must be consumed in the Restaurant

The School provides breakfast and lunch in the Restaurant. Lunch menus will offer variety, including a vegetarian alternative. The School suggests £3.50 for lunch and an optional £1.20 for breakfast as a suitable daily allowance. Hot and cold drinks are available from vending machines at 25p each. Water can be obtained free of charge.

We always aim to keep the price of 'healthy option' items, i.e. vegetables, salad and fruit, as low as possible to encourage the students to eat a balanced diet. Restaurant menus for each day are available on the website: www.ttsonline.net/page/restaurant-menu.

The School operates a cashless system. Parents can add credit to their child's account via ParentPay. The current default spending limit is £10.00 per students per day but parents can change this by writing to Mr S Turton, Finance Director. Parents can also check on ParentPay to see what children are purchasing.

Packed Lunches

All students are welcome to bring their own packed lunches to School and join the other students in the Restaurant. Please avoid using plastic lunchboxes if possible.

Meal Times

Students take breakfast and lunch breaks on a rotational basis with breakfast being served between approximately 8.40 - 10.45am and lunch between 12.00 and 2.00pm.

These times may vary slightly to take into account Examinations, School trips, etc.

Support

Families qualifying for financial support with School meals will receive the equivalent of £3.50 per day. Students will be automatically identified by their fingerprint/pin code as they pass through the till which will maintain confidentiality.

General

When School trips and visits are to take place, parents will receive appropriate information concerning meals prior to the visit or trip taking place.

6. School Dress and Appearance Guidelines:

School Clothing List – Sixth Form

All items marked with an asterisk* are stocked by the School's official outfitter.

School Dress

All students should always be dressed in a professional manner as we are constantly working with prospective employers and first impressions do make a difference. Therefore, girls in the Sixth Form must wear smart professional attire, ie a skirt/trouser suit. Smart dresses are also acceptable if worn with a jacket. Cardigans and vest tops are not acceptable. Boys in the Sixth Form must wear smart professional attire, ie suit or jacket and trousers, collar, tie and sensible shoes.

All Students must arrive in Business Dress, this also applies to BTEC Sport and Performing Arts Students.

Students are not allowed to wear Denim Jackets or Baseball Caps.

Performing Arts

Students following courses in Performing Arts or Performance Studies in the Sixth Form will need appropriate clothing for the practical aspects of the course(s).

For **Dance** and **Drama** work students will require the following:

- Black jogging bottoms (available only through School)
- Black performance top (available only through School)
- Black polo shirt (available only through School)
- Plain black T shirt with sleeves not shoe string
- Black Jazz shoes or Jazz trainers
- Appropriate dance underwear
- Girls may need character shoes during the course and nude underwear for performance pieces

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Performing Arts Dress Code

Performing Arts students should note that Thomas Telford School has a formal dress code. Sixth Form students are expected to wear smart professional attire at all times and are expected to arrive and depart from School in formal attire. However, students participating in practical work wear clothing appropriate for the activity being undertaken as identified above in the practical areas.

Sport

Students following courses in Sport and PE in the Sixth Form will need appropriate clothing for the practical aspects of the course(s).

Physical Education activities in the Sixth Form are **optional** and take place on Wednesday afternoon. **Only the students involved in these activities should purchase the PE clothing.**

PE Kit

- School Tracksuit*
- Maroon sweatshirt (Optional)*
- Maroon sports shirt with collar*
- Maroon games shorts (Sportswear International)*
- Maroon games socks*
- White sports socks
- Trainers. Fashion footwear such as Vans or Toms are not suitable. Any student who does not have the correct footwear will be unable to take part and parents will be made aware.
- Towel
- Suitable carrying bag

We recommend that for hockey, students should use shin pads and a mouth guard to comply with Health and Safety advice. These are available from most sports shops.

Fitness Centre – students should wear t-shirts with shorts or tracksuit bottoms and indoor shoes. Combat trousers and sleeveless or cropped tops **are not** appropriate.

7. Session 3 Activities

Session 3 will not resume until further notice. We will communicate this with students and parents when this resumes.

8. Personal Tutors

During the first week, all new students will be introduced to their Personal Tutor who will be the first point of contact for parents and students.

Parents Contact with Personal Tutors

Normally personal tutors would meet with parents during the first week of term. Due to the Covid-19 this is not currently possible. Personal tutors will therefore contact parents by phone in the first two weeks of term.

The purpose of the meeting is twofold:

- Firstly, for the parents of existing students at the School to meet with Personal Tutors to discuss the End of Year Report which was issued at the end of July.
- Secondly, for parents of students starting at the School to meet the Personal Tutor who will be the key person for dealing with all matters relating to their child's progress and welfare.

It is important that you bring your son/daughter with you and enable them to participate in the discussions about their progress. Students are expected to wear School uniform.

The School has an excellent record of parents working closely with Personal Tutors in the interests of the students. **This is a very important meeting and it is essential that every parent meets the Personal Tutor.**

9. Further Information

Term Dates 2020/21

Please click on the following link to download the term dates for 2020/21:
<https://www.ttsonline.net/page/term-timetable.aspx>

Heads of Key Stage

- Mr P Nicholls concerning Years 7
- Mr Saunders concerning years 8 and 9
- Mr R Furlong concerning Years 10 and 11
- Mr I Rawlings concerning Sixth Form

Who do I contact if I have a query about arrangements for the beginning of term?

Please ring the School on 01952 200000 if you have any queries or email info@ttsonline.net

Please note the School will be closed for two weeks from Monday 27 July (re-opening on Monday 10 August).