**Frequently Asked Questions**

**When does the new term start for Year 7?**

Thursday 3rd September 2020 at 8.45pm.

**What should I be reading over the summer holidays?**

There are three lists in the attachments on this page with great suggestions to interest readers of all abilities. Reading *for pleasure* has been proven to be the number one skill for academic success. Remember, any reading is better than no reading!

**How can I get a locker?**

From September each child will be allocated a locker free of charge. These will be allocated to the students when we return in September. Siblings (max of 2) will need to share. Replacement keys will be charged at £3.00 per key. Passmores points can be used, costing 300 points per key. Most students with an existing locker will keep the one they have, apart from siblings. New year 7 students will be allocated their locker in September too.

**What happens if I get lost?**

There will always be someone around who can help you. Everyone loves to help Year 7, particularly the Year 8s! You can ask a prefect, a teacher or just anyone who is nearby but if all else fails you can go to Student Services and they will help you.

**How will I know what lesson I have?**

Your form tutor will give you your timetable on the first day and they will teach you how to read it. Each lesson will have 3 pieces of information on it: 3 letters which are the initials of your teacher (e.g. Miss Cunningham is ACM), the subject (e.g. history) and the room number. The room numbers begin with the letter of the corridor (e.g. U rooms are all in unicorn corridor) and then if the number starts with a zero it is a ground floor classroom but if it starts with a 1 it is a first floor classroom (upstairs). Therefore your room number could be U001 which means it is room 1 ground floor unicorn corridor or it could be U101 which means it is room 1 first floor unicorn corridor.

**How will I get my lanyard?**

You will be given your lanyard by your form tutor on your first day. Your parents and carers can put money on this online or you can bring money into school and put in on yourself from one of the machines either in the heart space or in reception. If you leave your lanyard at home one day you must go to student services to get a replacement lanyard for the day.

**Do we have our lessons in Houses?**

No, your teaching groups will be made up of a mixture of students from all 4 Houses. You are only with your Houses for tutor time.

**What is a POP card?**

This is a card that is given to you on a Monday morning by your form tutor and it is one of the easiest ways to bank five Passmores Points every week, without even trying! POP stands for Proud of Passmores. We have high standards at Passmores, we are proud that you are part of the Passmores family and we hope that you are proud to be part of it too. Therefore, to show respect you must always wear your uniform correctly. This means your shirt must be tucked in at all times, your tie must be tied to the top of your shirt with the House cog showing and you must make sure that you adhere to the makeup and hair style regulations. If you are able to do this and you make it to the end of the week without any staff signatures on your POP card you receive your five Passmores Points. However, if you have one staff signature on your POP card you do not get your five points, but you also do not receive a sanction (one signature is a warning!) but if you receive a second staff signature in a week you will also receive a sanction and behaviour points.

**Where do I go on my first day?**

On your first day at Passmores there will be lots of teachers showing you into the school hall. They will help you find your House and you tutor group and then your form tutor will come and collect you from the hall and take you to your tutor room.

**How will I know what after school clubs are on offer?**

There will be a list of after school clubs on your tutor room notice board and, on the school website. We offer a wide variety of clubs ranging from sports, to singing to drama, to science...the list is endless!

**Do we have to pay to use the school printers?**

No, the school will put money on your lanyard for printing. Each student has a budget of £5 a term.

**What happens if I’m late to school?**

You must always go straight to student services to sign in as soon as you get into school. If you are late and it is not your fault (e.g. heavy traffic) then your parents or carers should phone the school and let us know. There is no sanction for this. However, if you are late with no good reason (e.g. oversleeping) then you will receive a sanction.

**Will I get bullied?**

Although this is unlikely, no school can say that this will never happen. The important thing is to know that at Passmores we all have rights and it is everybody’s right to go about their school day without unwanted interference or harassment from others. We are a very open site and for the vast majority, our students will say something if they witness another being bullied. It is important that you do not accept it if someone does upset you, and you should say something, to any member of staff. We are all trained in how to deal with bullying and have expert staff to support you if you need them. We will put sanctions in place for bullying, hate speech or any form of intimidation and are willing to do whatever it takes to stop bullying from occurring.