## Al Ain English Speaking School

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# Year 7 Induction Booklet

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www.aaess.org

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### Introduction

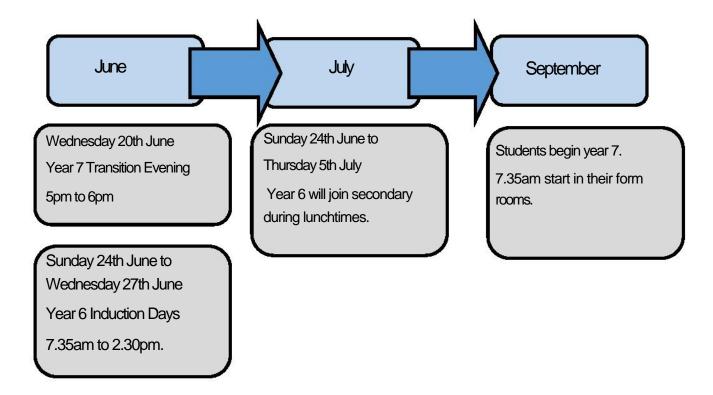
This booklet has been carefully put together in order to provide families of children moving in to Year 7 with as much information and advice as possible. The aim is for the transition from primary to secondary education to be as smooth and stress-free as it can be.

#### **Chronological layout**

The booklet has been put together in a very specific way so that you can move through the pages in a chronological manner. The information at the front of the booklet is information you will need now, moving through the pages towards information you will need for September.

#### The transition timeline

The timeline below lists all of the events that will take place between now and when your child joins us in September. The events are displayed chronologically and the following pages give more information about each event.



## Wednesday 20th June A Guide to Year 6 Information Evening

The purpose of this evening is to give you and your child an opportunity to meet with key members of staff in secondary, ask any questions you may have and to discuss the secondary's key expectations.

During this evening you will meet:

The Principal of the school, Mr Thomas

The Head of Secondary School, Mr Giles

Assistant Principal and Key Stage 3 Manager, Mr Rowley

Head of Year 7, Miss Norton

There will also be presentations made and time to discuss any questions with teachers. During the evening there will be the opportunity to tour around the secondary school. Key information will be placed in surrounding the content of each subject.

The transition evening begins at 5pm and finishes at 6pm.

## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 27th June A Guide to the Year 6 Induction Days

Please note: It is expected that all children attend their allocated day.

The purpose of this week is to allow students to have the opportunity to experience a typical day at secondary school. Each class will complete **one day** in secondary.

Students will be given a tutor room, attend a variety of lessons and join in the secondary lunchtime.

This time spent familiarising themselves, will ensure that when their first day in September arrives, students are far more comfortable and equipped to start their Secondary education.

The following table identifies which day your child's class will complete their induction day:

68	6H	6M	6B
Sunday 24th June	Monday 25th June	Tuesday 26th June	Wednesday 27th June

## **Useful Contact Information**

#### Members of the senior leadership team at AAESS:

Mr Andrew Thomas	School Principal
Mr Steven Giles	Head of Secondary School
Mr Zaheer Abass	Deputy Head of Secondary
Mr Hadi Sfiengeh	Deputy Principal of Arabic
Mr Feras Al Tahaineh	Assistant Principal of Arabic
Miss Suzanne Eagles	Assistant Principal of Teaching and Learning
Mr Neil Rowley	Assistant Principal and KS3 Manager
Miss Eliza Pierce	Assistant Principal of SEF & Data

#### Key Staff Contact Information at AAESS:

Mr Cash	Main School Reception	+971 03 7678636
Miss Norton	Head of Year 7	Please contact through main reception.

You will also receive the name of your child's tutor at the start of the academic year.

School Contact details:

Khalid Bin Sultan Street,

Al Ain, United Arab Emirates

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School Website	www.aaess.org
Main Receptionist	+971 03 7678636
Admissions Department	admissions@aaess.sch.ae
Payments Officer	payments@aaess.sch.ae
Transport Officer	transportation@aaess.sch.ae

### **School Uniform**

### Boys - Regular Uniform School shirt - blue AAESS shirt (short or long sleeved) School trousers - plain navy blue AAESS trousers Shoes - plain black Socks—plain dark colour Jacket / cardigan / fleece - navy color which must have the AAESS logo Boys-P.E. Kit Blue shirt and shorts in AAESS design with logo White socks or school design Sport shoes- trainers, astro molded or studded boots (no bladed boots). Swimming—Must have swimming shorts in AAESS design with logo, towel, swimming cap. Goggles are optional. Girls - Regular Uniform School shirt - blue AAESS shirt (short or long sleeved) School trousers - navy blue with AAESS logo School skirt - plain navy blue with AAESS logo (knee length or longer) Shoes - plain black Socks—plain dark colour Jacket / cardigan / fleece - navy color which must have the AAESS logo Girls — P.E. Kit Blue shirt and shorts in AAESS design with logo White socks or school design Sport shoes—trainers, astro molded or studded boots (no bladed boots). Swimming—Must have a swimsuit in AAESS design with logo, towel and swimming cap. Goggles are optional. When in Secondary school, you will be expected to come to school in normal school uniform. You will bring your P.E. kit with you and get changed in the changing rooms at the start of your P.E. lesson. You will then get changed back in to your school uniform at the end of the lesson. □ Pupils must **always** bring their P.E. kit. If you are excused from taking part physically, you must bring a letter from home explaining why. During the lesson you will still be expected to get changed and be engaged in the learning of the lesson, although not physically taking part.

☐ The correct P.E. kit must always be brought to every lesson.—if pupils forget their P.E. Kit, they are

expected to wear spare kit provided by school and sanctions will be put in place.

☐ Any pupil wearing jewellery, should remove it and store it away at the start of the lesson.

## **Equipment**

The following equipment **must** be brought to school every day as part of the minimum super 6 expectations:

- 1. A pen and pencil
- 2. An eraser
- 3. A ruler
- 4. A scientific calculator
- 5. A school planner
- 6. An appropriate reading book

#### **Planner**

In September students will be given a planner.

A parent or guardian from home **must** sign the planner every week. Your tutor will also sign your planner every week.

You will use your planner for the following things:

- 1. To make a note of all your homework.
- 2. To make a note of when you need to bring any equipment you might need.
- 3. To copy your timetable in to your planner.

## Locker

In September students will be given the option to have a locker for a small fee.

This will allow students to store their books, PE kit and any other equipment during the day.



## **Typical School Day**

Morning registration: 7:40am - 8:00am

Lesson 1: 8:00am - 8:40am

Lesson 2: 8:40am - 9:20am

Lesson 3: 9:20am - 10:00am

Lesson 4: 10:00am - 10:40am

Break: 10:40am - 11:00am

Lesson 5: 11:00am - 11:40am

Lesson 6: 11:40am - 12:20pm

Lunch: 12:20pm - 1:05pm

Afternoon registration: 1:05pm - 1:10pm

Lesson 7: 1:10pm - 1:50pm

Lesson 8: 1:50pm - 2:30pm

ECAs: 2:45pm - 3.15pm

## The Year 7 Curriculum

English

Mathematics

Science

Arabic

Islamic

History

Geography

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P.E.

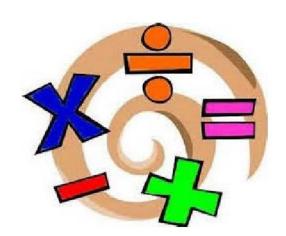
Moral Studies

French or Spanish

Drama

Art

Music





## Rewards

The school rewards good work, good performance and appropriate behaviour by use of:

Verbal praise
House Points
Positive notes and telephone calls home
Student of the month certificates
Excellence awards

#### House Points

The House Point System is a means by which teachers can recognise and reward a wide range of student behaviour (for example good class work and homework, helpfulness in specific tasks, good behaviour and so on).

When a House Point is awarded it should be entered in the appropriate section of the Planner. The date and the reason for the commendation can be entered by the teacher or the student but it must be signed and a House Point sticker given by the awarding teacher.

#### There are Two Types of House Points

#### 1. Academic House Points

Criteria for the awarding of Academic House Points
An outstanding piece of work / homework
The achievement of a high test result or personal best
Outstanding effort with classwork or homework
The sustained improvement in the standard of work over several weeks
Keeping a neat, well maintained Planner for half a term. Signed by Parents every week (awarded by tutor)

#### 2. SCF House Points

SCF house points are similar to house points but focus on the resilience, respect, empathy, integrity, honesty, care and tolerance values. Students will receive an SCF sticker for showing teachers that they have correctly used an SCF value within tutor time, lesson time or around school.

## **Behavioural Policy**

Once you have attended the induction evening, you will receive important guidelines regarding the behavior policy, which follows ADEK guidelines.

## Other Expectations

#### The Use of Mobile Phones in School

We recognise the importance of mobile phones before and after school. Mobile phones are allowed to be used during break and lunchtimes in the **canteen only.** Any phone calls home must be made through reception, not personal mobiles.

Any pupil found using their phone anywhere else or during school time will have it confiscated until the end of the school day. If you require to speak to your child, please contact Administration.

#### **Parents Evenings**

Parents evenings are the most important communication opportunities that we have and as such, attendance at them is very important. You will be informed of a Parents evening closer to the time, via a letter. We feel it of high importance that your child begins to take responsibility for their education.

Therefore, your child will be entrusted to make appointments with teachers for you.

#### Commitment to Extra Curricular Activities and Groups

An opportunity to represent the AAESS in any activity or event, is something to be extremely proud of.

Team success is built upon commitment. If your child is selected and agrees to participate in any teams, bands, or any other commitment based activity, we expect that they will attend all additional training or practise sessions, rehearsals, fixtures and performances.

Pupils whose behaviour in school is not acceptable, may not be selected to represent the school at events.