

Working together for our new students.

This leaflet is intended for Parents of our new Students.

We recognise that your role as a Parent is most important in influencing and encouraging your child to do well.

We look forward to establishing a positive and supportive relationship for the benefit of your child.



SAMUEL WARD

Working in partnership

Your child's individuality is important to us, which is why we like to work in partnership with Parents and Carers to try and ensure a really successful experience at Samuel Ward.

Research shows that Parent support is eight times more important in determining a child's academic success than any other input.

You are the expert on your child and your support, encouragement and interest can make a huge difference to your child's motivation and ability to cope with settling in a new School. Communication with your child's learning coach will help us support your child. So please feel free to jot a note in your child's planner or phone us with any concerns you think we ought to know. Even if we cannot talk to you immediately, we will get back to you as soon as possible.

How you can help.

1. Encourage your child to be ready to learn by having the correct equipment every day, such as: pens, pencils, a rule and an eraser. Also, bringing PE kit when it is needed.
2. Help your child understand the importance of attendance and punctuality. Good attendance helps lead to success. Please let us know as soon as possible if your child is unwell.
3. Keep an eye on your child's planner by signing it each week. In it you will find information about the homework they are set as well as letters with key dates, trip details and school events. It is another line of communication between us the School and you, so feel free to jot a note to us in here.
4. Encourage your child to discuss their work with you and help them find the space and time to complete homework. Showing an interest in your child's work helps to underline the idea that you think it is as important as we do.
5. Attend Pupil review meetings and get involved in helping your child set targets for their own improvement. Your support in helping achieve targets can be really motivating and set your child on the road to success.

How we can help.

You can ask any member of staff for help at any time.

All Staff at Samuel Ward Academy are there to help students to learn and progress.

To help students progress at Samuel Ward Academy we ask them to follow the **PERFORM** rule..

Positively participate in all tasks..

Encourage everyone with kindness and fairness..

Respect each other and the environment at all times..

Follow instructions immediately..

On task always..

Ready to learn with resilience and responsibility..

Make the most of yourself, be trustworthy and honest.

The school day Year 7&8.

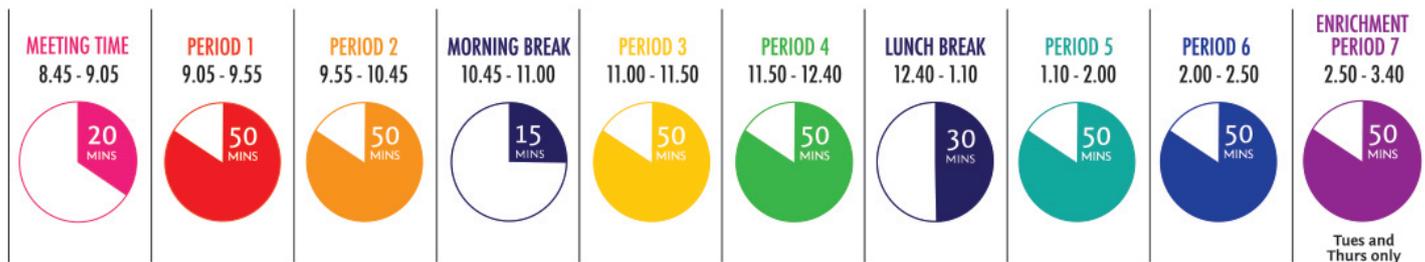
MEETING TIME is from 8.45-9.05am in their tutor room with their Learning Coach and members of their tutor group. Tutor groups usually consist of 15 students. During meeting time they will be registered as present for the school day. After meeting time they will go to their first lesson at 9.05am.

BREAK TIME is at the end of period 2 from 10.45-11.00am and the Food Hall will be open for snacks and drinks.

LUNCH BREAK is from 12.40 - 1.10pm and the Food Hall will be open for lunch/snacks/drinks. Lunch money can be paid into their account online, or they can bring money into school to pay into the the secure thumb print payment machines. These are located around the school in each block and in the food hall.

We also have a "TIME FOR ME" room available for use which is supervised by a member of staff.

These are the timings of our school day for Years 7 and 8 for 2018/19



ENRICHMENT sessions are on Tuesday and Thursday and these sessions are compulsory for years 7 – 8 and consist of a variety of interesting activities.

Try and develop a new interest or talent at Samuel Ward Academy.

There is evidence to show that students who make very good progress at secondary school have developed talents and interests alongside their school work. This is why we are keen to encourage your child to try out a variety of enrichment activities after lessons on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We hope your child

will develop new interests and have a go at new experiences. Committing time and energy to talents and interests can often have positive spinoffs for other work in School. They often develop confidence, organisational skills, self-discipline and good communication skills, as well as being a lot of fun.



Equipment they will need.

Each day they must bring to school the following essential items

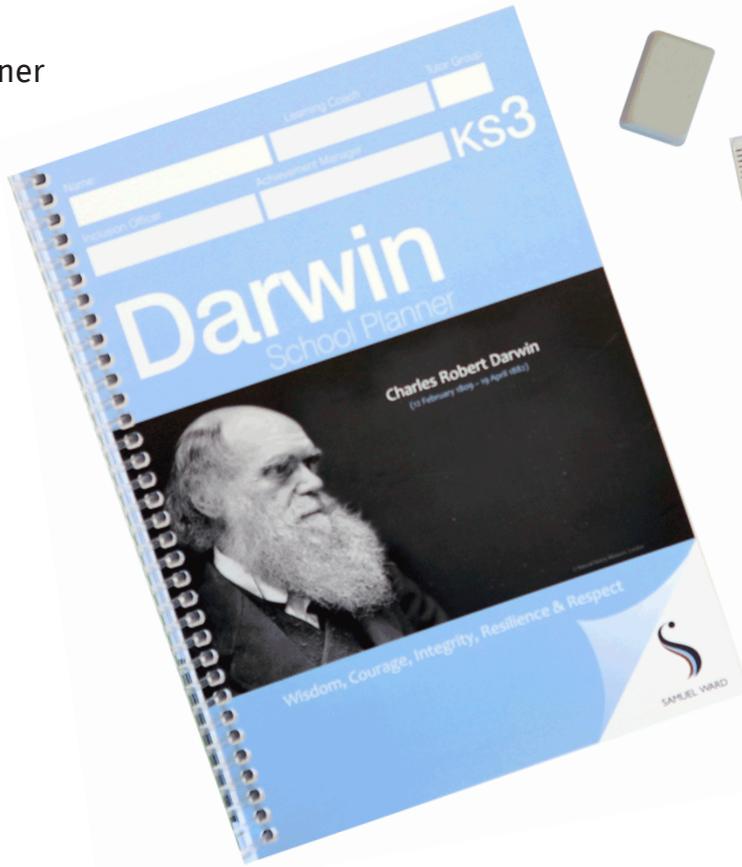
Their Planner

A Pen

A Pencil

A Ruler

An Eraser



Note the names and email of your key contacts:

Your learning coach:

Inclusion officers:

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