Ninestiles Academy

Welcomes the parents and families of all our new students starting here in September 2017.
"The qualities which I would wish them are courage, stamina, intellectual curiosity, the desire for excellence, an adventurous spirit and above all an abiding belief in the decency of human beings"
Why we all need to have the highest standards...

• To do the right thing for all so that students can enjoy a safe and respectful environment
• To ensure that the strong, basic foundations are there for us to promote the highest standards of teaching and learning
• To get the best outcomes for our students to enable them to choose any pathway in life beyond Ninestiles
• To maintain our outstanding tradition and reputation
Our Three Areas of the Basic 9:

• Be Ready
• Be Safe
• Be Respectful

Basic 9 expectations
5 for students
4 for staff
The Standards for All document was included in your pack.
Standards for All – Be Ready
High Expectations

All our students are expected to:

• Be resilient learners who aspire to excellence
• Attend school every day. Bring the correct equipment for ALL lessons, including a pen, pencil, ruler, rubber and planner and be in the correct uniform. Take pride in ALL workbooks
• Enter classrooms quietly, remain focused and try their best in all tasks
• Follow all instructions given without discussion
• Reflect upon their learning, complete homework set and respond to their teachers’ feedback
Ability is grown and nurtured
Hard work + determination = success

Each group will be named after subject specific terms. For example in English groups are named after authors. We will not group 1-5

There will be two assessment periods
In January exams will be taken. In February you will receive a data report
In June final exams will be taken covering the content of the year 7. In July you will receive a full report.

Reports will inform you of percentages achieved in assessments in all subjects. Each subject will report on whether your son daughter has achieved

Developing, Assured or Extending

The expectation is all should at least achieve ‘Assured’ and many ‘Extending’.
Homework – evidence tells us that students make between 5 and 8 months extra progress by completing homework.

• There will be a fixed homework timetable which your son/daughter will receive in September.
• Year 7 will receive a hardwearing planner and you will be expected to sign it weekly as is the tutor.
• Cloudnine will be a key instrument so please do sign up for Parent Platform to access your son/daughters homework page.
• Reading - The expectation is for students to read for 20 minutes per evening. It is our duty to inculcate a love of reading.
• Our Open Learning Area (OLA) is open until 4pm Monday to Thursday.
How to support us in ensuring your son or daughter has the best chance of success…

• Reinforce our high expectations regarding equipment and uniform
• Ensure thorough preparation for assessments
• Ensure homework is completed
• Support your child in reading
• Stay in contact
Communication at Ninestiles

Education is a partnership.
We welcome communication with our parents and carers.
We communicate with you through:
- text messaging
- email (please ensure we have current email address)
- personal phone calls
- letters

We welcome your ideas and comments.
Communication points for year 7

Meet the Form Tutor - Tuesday 5th September - 1.00-3.00pm
Settling in parents eve - October 2017
Interim exam data - February 2018
Full report - Summer term
Parents Evening - Summer Term
To contact via e-mail
School website

http://www.ninestiles.org.uk/

Key dates
News
Principal’s letters
Photographs
Policies
Curriculum
Statutory information such as Ofsted reports
ParentPay

From September Ninestiles will be a cashless school.

• ParentPay our e-payment method, is used to pay for dinner money, trips and revision guides etc.
• Making a payment is straightforward. No card details are stored in any part of the system and once activated you can make online payments.
• ParentPay is a free service and can be accessed through a credit or debit card. If you do not have a computer or bank account ParentPay can be accessed through PayPoint in selected local shops.
• For further details or to request an activation letter please email ParentPay@ninestiles.org.uk
Research shows that good attendance and punctuality helps to improve outcomes at school e.g. better exam results.

We, like you, need to know where your children are for safeguarding purposes.

We expect students to be in school every day, on time and ready to learn.

The Attendance Target is to be here, in school, at least 97% of the time.

Don’t meet the target beat the target!
If you need to report an absence from school or an attendance issue please contact our Attendance Officer, Mrs Biddle on 0121 624 9070.

Some of the Attendance things we do:

- We will let you know via Truancy Call if your child is not in school and we don’t know why.
- We will then ring you if we still haven’t heard from you via our First Day Calling.
- We will make Home Visits when necessary/appropriate.
- We will send home half termly colour coded Attendance Reports so you (and your child) knows exactly what their attendance is.
- In line with Local Authority expectations we will use Spotlight and we won’t authorise term time holidays (except in exceptional circumstances)

...and why do we do this?
Because ...

Attendance and Punctuality Matters!
BECAUSE EVERY CHILD IN THE WORLD HAS ONE THING IN COMMON. THEIR RIGHTS.
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Students are excellent at finding places to socialise.

At break times students have access to all areas on the ground floor.

Numerous eating areas.
Every student has their own locker which is located in their tutor room.

They have access to their locker in the morning, at break times and at the end of the day.
School uniform

BLAZER/SHIRT/TIE

BLACK TROUSERS

OR

BLACK SKIRT

School students wearing uniform:

Blazers and shirts with ties, black trousers or skirts, and black shoes.
The PE top includes the college colour that students belong to.
Extra Curricular Activities
TRIPS
Celebration of Achievements
Induction Day
9:30am - 2:30pm

Primary PE Kit
Lunch Provided/
BYO Dietary Requirements
TRAVELLING TO AND FROM INDUCTION DAY

-Walk home

-Parents drop off and collect from outside the front of school

-Wait in Hall until 3:00 for siblings
At Ninestiles we believe that learning a Modern Foreign Language is important as well as fun. When your child joins us in September they will have the opportunity to learn either French or Spanish, which most students will continue to learn up to GCSE level.

The MFL team promote language learning through...
- Songs
- Games
- Stories
- Film
- Interactive activities
- Trips abroad

Students develop...
- Communication skills
- Confidence
- Literacy
- Awareness of different cultures

Please return the language choice form by Monday 10th July 🙌
PLEASE RETURN

- ADMISSIONS FORM

- COPY OF BIRTH CERT

- PROOF OF ADDRESS
DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?
Please complete the postcards provided
Answers will be put on our website FAQ
Key dates

• Tuesday 5th September appointment with Form Tutors (Invitation letter to be posted)
• Wednesday 6th September, 8.30am Year 7 start.

We look forward to seeing your child tomorrow
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KEEP CALM

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