



Joyce
Frankland
Academy
Newport



1st September 2026

Dear Year 7 Parents and Carers,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your child to Joyce Frankland Academy for their first day on **Thursday 3 September**.

We are writing today to provide a few reminders and some guidance to help your child make the best possible start to their secondary school journey.

The information in this letter is specific to Year 7 students and their transition to the academy. We have also sent our whole-school start of term letter to all families. This contains more general information relevant to all students as we begin the new academic year.

Wednesday 2 September: Welcome Walk

As outlined in our communication on Friday, we would like to invite you and your child to attend the academy at **3.00pm on Wednesday 2 September** for an informal opportunity to walk to their tutor room together and meet some of the staff before the start of the school year.

Students do not need to wear school uniform for this visit. There will be no formal presentation or programme, and attendance is entirely optional.

Thursday 3 September: First Day

Your child should arrive at school for the normal start time of **8.40am** and go directly to their tutor room. There will be plenty of staff available to help students find their way around the academy and answer any questions they may have.

Uniform and Equipment

Your child should arrive in full school uniform and bring all of their required equipment. They do not need to bring their PE kit until the following week.

If you have experienced any difficulties obtaining any items of uniform or equipment, please send a brief note with your child. This will enable us to contact you and provide any support that may be needed.

Students should also bring a **water bottle** with them every day.

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Break and Lunch on the First Day

We will provide all Year 7 students with a drink and a biscuit at break time on their first day. However, if you feel your child may want something more substantial, you are welcome to provide them with an additional snack.

At lunchtime, a reduced selection of food will be available from the Dining Room. This will include sausage and mash (with a vegetarian option available), as well as a selection of baguettes and paninis.

Although students may not yet be able to use biometric recognition to purchase food on their first day, they will still be able to pay using funds on their catering account. If you would like your child to purchase food at lunchtime, please ensure that sufficient funds have been added to their account beforehand.

We appreciate that starting secondary school is an exciting milestone and, for some students, may bring a few nerves. Please be assured that our staff team will be on hand throughout the day to support all Year 7 students and help them settle quickly into academy life. We look forward to welcoming your child on Thursday and to working with you over the coming years.

Yours faithfully,

**Mrs D Warwick
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