



Winterhill
School

The Wave



**Welcome Y6 to
Winterhill School**

“Everyone Succeeds”



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It is my pleasure to welcome you to our school as our Year 7 cohort for 2021. This is an exciting time in your education, as you begin the transition from primary to secondary school and so I would like to extend my welcome to you and your families as you begin this journey with us.

Our guiding principle, 'Everyone Succeeds' underpins our values and ethos and allows every student the opportunity to achieve their aspirations. As a Winterhill student, you will benefit from a great deal of time put into your personal development and academic achievement.



Likewise, our students pride themselves on upholding our values of respect, responsibility and resilience, through our student pledge. Our values guide all aspects of school life and represent what we call 'The Winterhill Way'.

What do we mean by respect?

- Being proud of your identity, respecting yourself and having high aspirations throughout your education.
- Respecting others through listening, tolerance and acceptance.

What do we mean by responsibility?

- Coming to school prepared to learn in your Winterhill uniform and with correct equipment.
- Making a positive contribution to your Winterhill education by actively engaging in lessons.

What do we mean by resilience?

- Aiming high, being ambitious and challenging yourself to succeed.
- Working independently, showing focus and never giving up on your aspirations.

We believe that all young people can succeed, and at Winterhill, we pride ourselves on delivering high quality teaching, clear, unambiguous standards and a motivating environment.

It is these daily elements of the Winterhill curriculum which support all students to reach their potential and find the skills and interests they can excel in. Although this has been a difficult year for us all, we are committed to welcoming you to Winterhill for a two week transition in July, providing the lifting of restrictions goes ahead as planned. This will include a Y6 Parents' evening where you will have the opportunity to meet your form tutor and visit the school. **Therefore, please can you complete the personal data form enclosed in this pack or online via our Y6 transitions page. All forms submitted online will go directly to our transition team. Alternatively, you can hand in the paper form to your primary school or send via post marked FAO Kelly Thomas.**

Our continued success is also evident from our excellent results as well as our most recent OFSTED inspection in 2018. Once again, Winterhill was graded as a GOOD school, maintaining this grading from our previous inspection.

Finally, I look forward to meeting you all very soon as Year 7 students. Please read through this welcome booklet to get an insight into all the new experiences you will have as a Winterhill Student. If you would like to see the school in more detail, please also watch our welcome video on our school website.

Kind regards

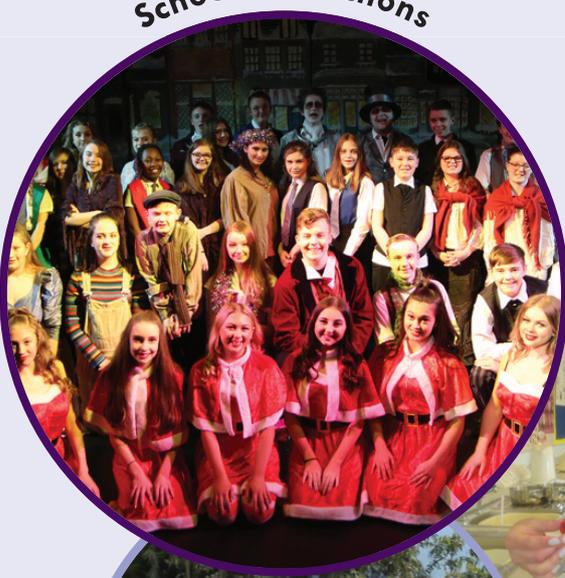


Mr Rhodes - Headteacher



Student Experience

School Productions



Debating,
ICT, Drama,
Maths, Homework,
Cooking, Keyboard,
Technology,
Engineering and
Singing Clubs

Join our Prefect Team



Drama
Productions
and Dance
Shows

Sports Day



World Challenge Expedition



Celebrating Success



Cheerleading,
Netball, Tennis,
Cricket,
Trampolining,
Athletics and

BTEC
Music,
Creative Writing,
History advocates,
Geography, French
and Spanish

Cross
Country,
Rounders, Rugby,
Fustol, Gymnastics
and Primary PE
tournaments

School Prom: Wentworth Woodhouse 2019



Enrichment opportunities

At Winterhill, we have a range of exciting enrichment activities for you to join as well as some fantastic trips and annual events.

Winterhill School

Girls - DISCREET MAKE-UP ONLY

Skirt:

Plain black skirt of suitable length (not figure hugging or short). May wear a round or V neck tunic and trousers (not leggings) with white blouse and tie, instead of a skirt.

Trousers:

Plain black tailored school trousers (not jeans, leggings, $\frac{3}{4}$ length or any other 'fashion' variety).

Shirt:

Plain white shirt with collar, long or short sleeved. Top button fastened and tucked in at all times (not polo shirts).

Tie:

School tie clipped over top button of collar.

Jumper/Cardigan:

School jumper or cardigan with badge (no other type of jumper or top. Blazers are not part of the school uniform).

Hijab

Plain black Hijab may be worn but the school tie **MUST** be clearly visible.

Footwear:

Plain black school shoes (not trainers, pumps, or fashion shoes/boots) - **please note that training shoes or pumps are not acceptable even if they are plain black.**

Socks or Tights:

Plain black socks or black/skin coloured tights (no patterns).



Jewellery:

One pair of stud earrings, a single ring and a watch may be worn. Any other body piercing is not permitted.



ZR10 T-Shirt - Black / Purple / White



B550 Hoodie - Black / Purple / White



P231 Panelled Shorts - Black / Purple / White



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Please make sure you put your name on your school uniform

Uniform/PE Kit



Boys

Trousers:

Plain black tailored school trousers (not jeans, leggings, ¾ length or any other 'fashion' variety).

Shirt:

Plain white shirt with collar, long or short sleeved. Top button fastened and tucked in at all times (no polo shirts).

Tie:

School tie clipped over top button of collar.

Jumper/Cardigan:

School jumper or cardigan with badge (no other type of jumper or top. Blazers are not part of the school uniform).

Footwear:

Plain black school shoes (not trainers, pumps, or fashion shoes/boots) - **please note that training shoes or pumps are not acceptable even if they are plain black.**

Socks:

Plain black socks.

Baseball caps are not to be brought to school.

Outdoor Coats:

Substantial outdoor coats may be worn in inclement weather to school. However, outdoor coats and hooded tops must not be worn in the school building or as a substitute for other items of uniform. Leather and denim jackets are **NOT acceptable.**

Winterhill School PE Kit

Encore Hooded Training Top: Compulsory

Black, with purple insert and a school badge.

Encore Crew Neck T Shirt: Compulsory

Black, with purple insert and a school badge.

Encore Shorts: Compulsory

Black, with purple insert and a school badge - or plain black shorts.

Sport Socks: Optional

Black with purple cuff - or plain black.

Track Pants: Optional

Black with a school badge.

Footwear:

Training Shoes.

Jewellery:

MUST be removed for PE



What do I need to bring to school?



Make sure your bag is big enough for your books, equipment and PE kit



Pencil Case:
Bring a pen, pencil, ruler, rubber and calculator.



At Winterhill, we are a cashless school. This means that all money for school lunches, trips and other school items must be paid using our e-payment method, Parent Pay. This can be done online using Parent Pay's very secure website or in cash at local stores where you see the Pay Point logo.

Prior to starting at Winterhill, each student will be issued with their Parent Pay details which will allow parents/carers to create an account and use this facility.

As an emergency alternative to ParentPay, students can load money onto their dinner accounts using the payment machines located around school. Students will be shown how to use these machines during their transition.

Winterhill School Bus

To support students in their journey to school in the Thorpe Hesley and Chapeltown areas, we have a dedicated Winterhill School bus.

You may have seen this within the community already! This is open to any of our students, however, priority is given to our Year 7 and Year 8 students and siblings of those students. The bus operates to and from school at the beginning and the end of each school day on a pre-determined route.

This is a double decker bus - minimum capacity 64 seated, 17 standing and 1 wheelchair space (82 places in total) with 'sign-up' required for the academic year and fares payable via Parent Pay accounts.

Currently, the bus is 60p per journey and all students who sign up, will receive a Winterhill bus pass.



Frequently asked questions

What subjects will I study at Winterhill?

You will study lots of subjects through a broad and rich curriculum. Many of these subjects will build on your skills from primary such as English and mathematics, and some will give you the chance to learn new skills such as a foreign language, Design Technology, Drama and many more!

Of course. In each form group, there will be people from your primary school. During break and lunchtime, you will be able to see your whole year group, so this will also be a great chance to make new friends.

Will I still see my friends from Primary School?

Can I bring my phone to school?

Yes, phones are permitted in school, however, they must be put away in your bag and on silent mode during and between lessons.

What food is available at break and lunchtimes?

During the school day you will have one break and a lunchtime where we serve hot and cold food such as paninis, pasta pots, jacket potatoes etc and we cater for all different dietary needs. You can of course bring your own packed lunch if you wish to, but energy and fizzy drinks are not allowed.

Don't worry! We understand that moving to a new school will mean you need time to find your way around. You will have a school tour and there will be lots of staff and students to support you during your first few weeks.

What if I get lost?

Your first day at Winterhill



We're so excited to welcome you as our new Year 7 students!

Before your first day, you will have been introduced to all the staff who will support you including Mrs Cooper, our Transitions Coordinator, as well as your Behaviour for Learning Leader and your form tutor. These staff will also be available to support you during your first day and throughout your transition from Primary School.

On your first day, you should arrive at school dressed smartly in your school uniform and with your school bag and equipment.

During the day you will have lots of time to get to know your form tutor and fellow Year 7 students as well as engage with some exciting activities.

You will also receive your timetable and have an opportunity to ask any questions about your new lessons.

We can't wait to meet you all!

#WeAreWinterhill

Messages from Year 7

A message from 7D...

"You can look forward to meeting such a lot of new friends and there are lots of achievement points and rewards! Art, Music and PE are really fun and let us show our skills and there are lots of fun experiments in Science. The teachers are also very friendly."

A message from 7B...

"Don't be worried, you will be highly supported by staff, and although the school may look large, you will get used to it with lots of support. You will look forward to the different subjects in school, especially History! We also follow the "Winterhill Way", where you can earn achievement points!"

A message from 7J...

"Winterhill is like a big family - you will fit in comfortably, you will make new friends easily, the lessons are enjoyable and engaging. It's a great place!"

A message from 7K...

"We look forward to seeing you at Winterhill. Don't be nervous, make sure to talk to new people and make new friends. Be yourself and don't lose your map!"

A message from 7M...

"Don't worry about getting lost - there are lots of teachers to help you and using a timetable is easier than you think. You will also have more teachers at Winterhill, and they are all nice!"

A message from 7E...

"Winterhill School is a marvellous experience with lots of opportunities to learn, make new friends and have fun."

A message from 7G...

"At Winterhill you will enjoy every second! You don't need to worry about anything - there's teachers and pupils to support you and boost your confidence and you'll enjoy all of your Y7. Moving to Winterhill is a great opportunity to make new friends and learn new things and when you walk through Winterhill's doors, you get positive energy to succeed!"

A message from 7A...

"You shouldn't be worried about starting Winterhill School - there are many supportive teachers and BFLs who will help you if you need it. Furthermore, there are multiple lessons so you won't get bored, because they are interesting and exciting - especially Science, PE and Technology! Winterhill School has a friendly atmosphere, you can meet new people every day."