



Year 7 Newsletter – Week 1

Welcome to the Smithills Family, Year 7!

What a week it has been! Our newest members of the Smithills Family – the Class of 2031 – arrived for their very first days of high school, and they did not disappoint. Here's a look back at their first week with us:

Wednesday: First Steps into Smithills

The week began with an assembly from Headteacher Miss Dewse, who spoke to pupils about how successful people (including Cristiano Ronaldo) achieved their success through hard work and dedication. It was the perfect message to kick off their Smithills journey.

From there, pupils headed to their form classrooms for a game of Human Bingo, getting to know their new classmates and sharing how they were feeling about starting high school. A school tour followed, helping pupils find their way around key spots including the canteen, playing areas, and where to go for help and support.

Lunch was a particular highlight: a free meal of chicken and chips, topped off with (by popular vote) the star of the show: a chocolate chip cookie!

After lunch, pupils were presented with their **Smithills Passport** – a booklet full of challenges to complete as they settle into the Smithills Family. Then, at 2:15pm, it was time for something truly momentous: their very first lesson at high school!

By the end of the day, staff were amazed at how independent pupils had already become, confidently finding their way around a much bigger school site, with older pupils stepping up to help point our newest members in the right direction! When the bell rang at 3:15pm, the Year 7 team were in awe of how brilliantly the pupils had handled their first day.





Thursday: Settling In

Pupils arrived through the gates on Thursday with smiles on their faces, ready for day two. After another assembly (where pupils have already impressed us with how well they line up in their form groups) it was a full day of lessons, with pupils continuing to master their way around our site.

At lunchtime, Miss Winward launched the **Year 7 Proud Table**, where pupils could come and share something they were proud of. We heard wonderful stories of pupils making new friends, walking home independently for the first time, scoring goals in football, and much more. Every pupil who shared their moment received a postcard and a small gift.

The Proud Table will return every Thursday, and we can't wait to hear what our pupils will be proud of next!

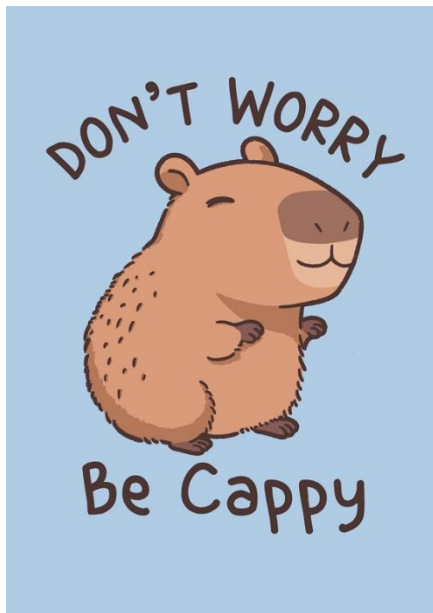




Friday: Super Pupils

Friday brought a mix of smiles and a few nerves, with some pupils sitting their first assessments. Miss Angus had the perfect message to settle any nerves: "Don't worry, be cappy!" – a nod to her favourite animal, the capybara. It worked a treat, with staff reporting that Year 7 were "absolutely superb" throughout their assessments.

By 3:15pm, there were a few tired faces (understandably!), but as we waved pupils off for the weekend, there were plenty of smiles too, and lots of excitement for their first full week ahead.





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What a pleasure it has been to welcome our newest members of the Smithills Family to Year 7!

Looking Ahead

Next week brings some more assessments, but we have no doubt our Year 7 pupils will take it all in their stride and impress us once again!

To truly welcome our Class of 2031 into the Smithills Family, we have two special events planned:

- **Thursday:** A Welcome Ceremony for our Class of 2031, held during assembly.
- **Friday:** A fun-filled Colour Run to celebrate the end of Year 7's first two weeks at Smithills (more details to follow this week!).

Welcome to the Smithills Family, Year 7 — we are so glad you're here!

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