

# Starting Year 7 at Blatchington Mill School



## Student Guide





## Year 7 Office

This is the office that looks after everything to do with your Year Group, along with your tutor. They keep a check on everything from how the students are doing in class, to whether there are students who are late often, wearing the wrong uniform or misbehaving.

They are also there if you have a problem and need to speak to someone about it. They can help you work towards a solution and support you whilst the problem is being dealt with.

The Year Group usually have a reward trip each year and you will need to have shown good behaviour and punctuality if you want to go.

Your Year Office remains with your group until the time you leave school so that you always know who to go to and they get to know you really well.

## Your Year Team Leaders



## Tutor Time

We asked some of our students to tell you about tutor time and this is what they said...

'Tutor time is the calmest time of the day in my point of view - the best time of the day. You get to have time with your friends and play games. Your form tutor is the first teacher you should go to if you're having problems because they will always be there for you. '

'Tutor time is a lesson when you get to know your form better and do fun and games, like quizzes. Your form tutor will always listen to you and help you with any troubles. I love form time because it's a great way to make friends with people in your form. '

'Tutor time is a fun period of the day when you can catch up with your friends and what's going to go on in the day. Any problems? Just ask or tell your form tutor – they're very understanding and always know the right things to say. '

'Your form tutor is a caring teacher that will track your progress throughout the year. They will check if everything's alright and help any way they can when you have a problem or an argument. '

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# The School Day



Throughout the day, the bells sound around the whole school for change of periods (lessons) and breaktimes. It's a good idea to keep an eye on time yourself during lunchtimes as your first afternoon period might be at the other end of the school! There are some warning bells at the beginning of school, towards the end of break and lunchtime, which are designed to give you plenty of time to get to where you need to be.

**08.25 – Warning bell rings – hurry to form!**

**08.30 – 08.55 Tutor Time (including AM Registration)**

**08.55 – 09.45 Period 1**

**09.45 – 10.35 Period 2**

**10.35 – 10.55 Break (including movement time)**

**11.00 – 11.50 Period 3**

**11.50 - 12.40 Period 4**

**12.40 – 1.20 Lunch**

**1.15 – Warning bell rings – hurry to lesson!**

**1.20 - 2.10 Period 5 (including PM Registration)**

**2.10 - 3.00 Period 6**

# Making Friends



Some of your friends might have started at a different school and you may worry that you won't be able to make new friends easily. At Blatch, you are very likely to find that lots of new students have the same interests and hobbies as you! Your tutor group is great for making friends and there are lots of clubs and classes to help you meet new people in your Year group. With all the opportunities you get to mix during the school day, it is very likely that you will quickly find new friends.

Students from Yr7 have written down their top tips for making friends at a new school:

Deanna says *“Try not to be too shy, and be kind and gentle towards others!”*

Celia says, *“Find people who like the same things as you.”*

Ella says, *“Be yourself, be who you are.”*

Harry says, *“Be ready to share your break times together.”*



# Break Times



I love lunchtimes and break now. You have so many choices and everyone's so nice. You can relax in the RIC or hang out in the sun with all your friends. You can go to the canteen to get food or go to clubs like dance workshops. If you like sports you can go to the Astros to play ball games.

*Lily*

Blatchington Mill is a great school! The food, I thought, would be disgusting. But it isn't. It is delicious! I love the food here and the classes are amazing! I love English (Literacy) because we do so much more exciting things than I ever did. We do story writing, poetry and much more!

*Lucy*

I have so much fun at break time and lunchtime. I get to go to lunchtime clubs and socialise with new people. And talk to my friends about their day. *Sandile*

You might feel scared that you won't know what to do at lunchtime or break time, or that you won't be able to find your friends after lesson ends. However, after a week or two you and your friends will probably fall into a sequence of meeting up, having lunch, talking, going to clubs and just having fun.

*Ellie*

# Student Services



Student Services is the office in the middle of the school, near the Drama Studio. Year 7 students were asked to pick the main reasons you would go to Student Services:

- If you lose something, always go to Student Services first.
- It's where you sign in/out if late to school or leaving early.
- If you need a new timetable, Student Services can print one.
- If you aren't sure which room you're supposed to be in, Student Services can point you in the right direction.
- If you need to contact home in an emergency, you can call from Student Services.

So there will be many times you visit them. Each Year 7 becomes a 'student helper' in Student Services, which is great for letting you see how things work and helps you learn more about where everything is.

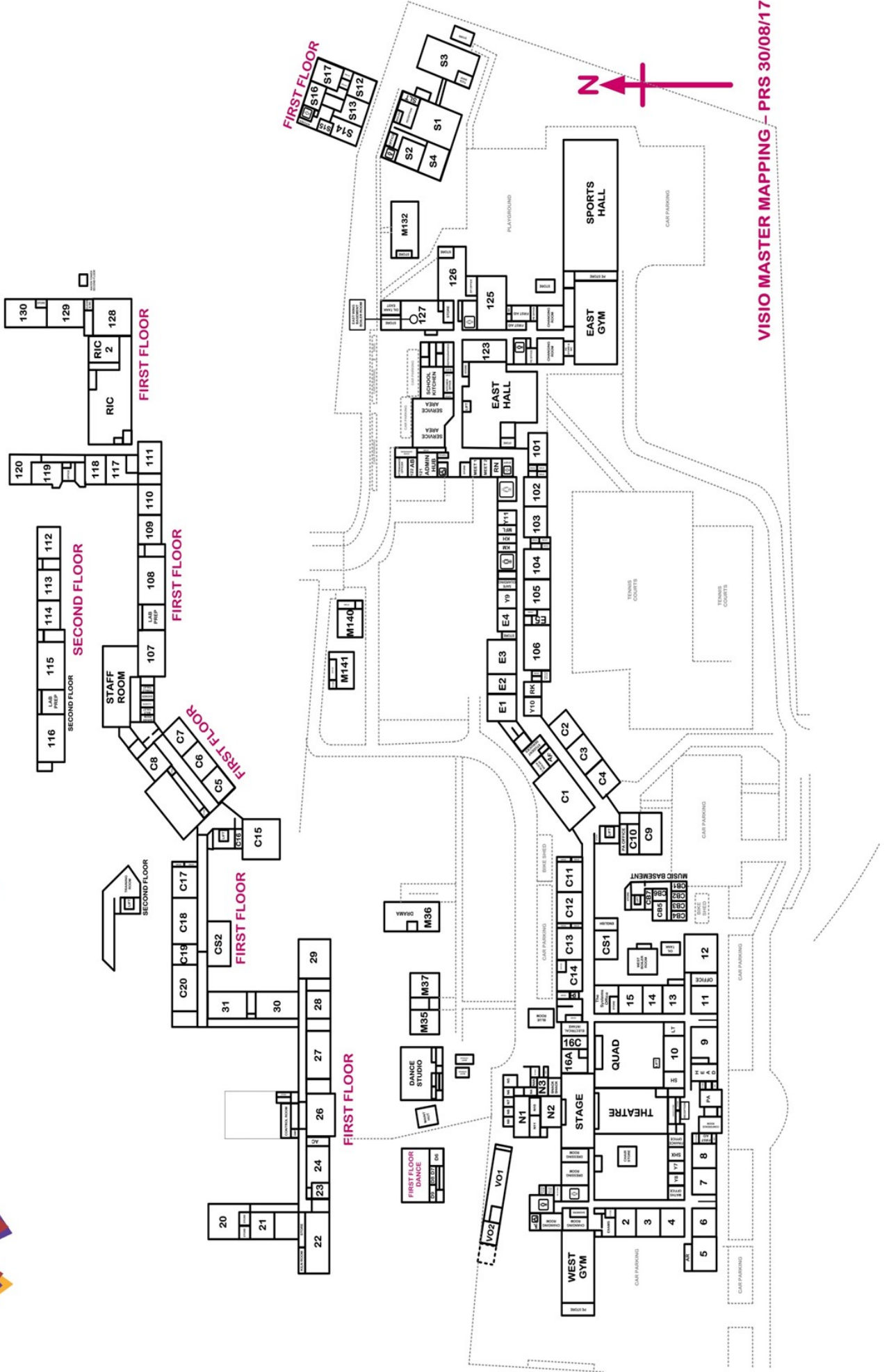


\*Students Services' top tips for finding something you've lost:

1. Think where you last had it – are you sure you brought it into school?
2. Go back to the room where you think you last saw it and have a good look.
3. Ask your friends whether they've picked it up by mistake.
4. Look through lost property. It may take a couple of days for missing things to be handed in.
5. At the end of each half-term, there is a lost property table after school for everything that is unclaimed.



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