



11 September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 'Meet Your Tutor' Evening

I thought it would be helpful for me to share my thoughts on how the year group have started their journey here at Heanor Gate. The students have been fantastic and have shown the ambition and thirst for learning that we expect to see alongside conducting themselves with the manners and characteristics that we expect to see from our students. I hope you are as proud of them as I am.

Obviously there has been nerves, the odd tear or two and plenty of lost looking students as they try and navigate the much bigger school site. However, they have shown fantastic bravery and resilience in overcoming such issues and have got on with their day.

The biggest issue has been logging in to Google Classroom, the school computers, Sparx etc. The username and password for these are all the same: 26firstnamesurname. We have also set up stations during lunch and break where students can request for it to be reset if they have already forgotten their password.

Now that over 95% of students can access Google Classroom, I will be posting updates, notices and success stories on our year group page. Please look out there, alongside our school social media, for events and announcements regarding the year group. The halloween disco being the first one!

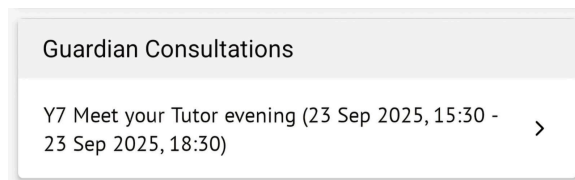
Also, for those students who receive free school meals, it has come to our attention that some students are spending their daily allowance of £2.50 during break time, which subsequently leaves them without sufficient funds for a full meal at lunch time. If this applies to you, could you please discuss with your young person not to spend it all on a bacon cob at break!

All of the students' consolidation work will be posted on Google Classroom, with clear due dates and explanations of what needs to be completed. The overview of our consolidation calendar can be found here: [Year 7 HT 1.docx](#)

I would also like to draw your attention to our curriculum, should you wish to take a look <https://heanorgatespencer.org.uk/curriculum/>

In addition, I would like to invite you into school, along with your child, to meet with their tutor to discuss how well they have settled in this year. The tutor will be able to pass on important information and will also have feedback from the teaching staff about how your child is coping with lessons generally. The event will take place on **Tuesday 22 September** between 3.30pm and 6.30pm and appointments will be organised in 5 minute slots.

To arrange a time for your discussion please sign up via Arbor by no later than **Thursday 17 September at 12noon**. To do this click the Y7 Meet the Tutor Evening option in the Guardian Consultations section of the Arbor app, which looks like the following:-



You should then be able to see your child's tutor. As you click on the tutor, you will be given a list of available appointments for that teacher, 5 minutes in duration. Simply click on the time slot you would like and the appointment will be in the system. Please note that the appointments are **one per child**, which can be booked by guardians assigned to a student.

This is not an evening where you will meet with your child's subject teachers. Subject teachers will be in attendance at the Year 7 Parents' Evening which will take place on Thursday 25 February 2027.

We look forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D Bentley', written in a cursive style.

Mr D Bentley
Year 7 Achievement Leader