

# DHSB Today

A guide for future Year 7s

Includes extra detail for parents/carers

*“Everyone Succeeds”*



Includes information on our subjects.



Information about the school including rules, uniform, houses and more.



Information about our school trips and sport.

Visit our school website [dhsb.org](http://dhsb.org)

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# School Uniform Policy

At DHSB, we like to look smart and tidy. There is a specific set of uniform that you will wear and the tie colour varies depending what house you are in (see page 13.)

What you will need:

- A tie
- A blazer
- White collared shirts with either short or long sleeves.
- Grey trousers.
- School shoes (no trainers!)
- A DHSB grey jumper (optional)



Tidy



Scruffy

# P.E kit

When you are doing sporting activities, such as P.E, you will be asked to bring your DHSB kit into school.

The kit includes :

- Rugby / football shirt
- O'neills DHSB P.E shorts
- O'neills DHSB P.E socks
- Non-mark trainers or studded football boots.
- Shin-pads
- Gum shield
- DHSB P.E bag (optional)

You will need different equipment depending on what sport you are doing.



# Sport at DHSB

DHSB offers lots of sporting opportunities in many different sports. We have lots of clubs every night after school. You can also play for different sporting teams and travel the country in competitions.

You will have PE lessons in school which will cover lots of different sports. There are also after school clubs that you can attend.

You will have two PE lessons a week. There are a lot of PE teachers that will manage your lessons. You will have two PE lessons a week: one with your class and one with three forms (either Campbell, Edison and Newton or Priestley, Smeaton and Winstanley.)



# Travelling to school

There are many ways to travel to school. Trains, cars and buses are used to get to school and we would recommend a bus pass or train pass (shown below) depending on how you get to school. If you travel to school by car, park a short distance away from the front gates as there are a lot of students entering the school.

Once you arrive at school make your way sensibly and carefully through the main gates and make your way to your tutor group. When you are on the school premises do not be on your phone and be aware of your surroundings as there are still cars moving around the school site.



# Rules at DHSB

Follow these rules to become a well-behaved student!

- Always tuck in your shirt.
- Don't wear trainers. School shoes only.
- Don't walk around with a device in your hand.
- Look after school equipment, as well as other pupils.
- There are a wider range of rules that you will learn about in your time at DHSB.

DHSB and all the teachers will work with you to bring out the best in you and give you a great chance later on in life. Starting at a new school can be hard but at DHSB all the teachers are there to help you and there is also a school nurse drop-in for private worries.

# Behaviour Points

At DHSB, you will be rewarded for doing something good but if any of the teachers think your behaviour is not acceptable, you will be punished. The behaviour system is quite simple:

- Good behaviour- Commendation
- Unacceptable behaviour- Level
- Incomplete homework- Assignment logging
- Forgotten P.E kit- Kit fault (if you have some, but not all the necessary kit, you will get a half kit fault)

If you get 3 levels or 3 assignment loggins you will get a detention. This will reset every term so if you have 2 levels it will go to zero at the beginning of next term. The levels would still be on your record though.

# Subjects

At DHSB, there is a timetable you will receive that tells you when and where your lessons are, and also the teachers that will take the lesson. There are five one hour lessons a day (including two lessons of tutorial a week. There are two different weeks (A week and B week) that have different amounts of some lessons.

The main lessons you will have are English, Maths, Languages and Science. Every morning you can enter your tutor room and you will be there until 9;10 am when your tutor will dismiss you to your first lesson.



# Food at DHSB

The food at DHSB is healthy and delicious. You can get food and drinks at either of the two refuels. Refuel 1 is located on the right of the school gates and Refuel 2 is next to the learning commons. Both sell a range of different food varieties for vegetarian or non-vegetarian consumers. At refuel 1 there is a large area for you to eat your lunch but there is no seating in refuel 2.

At refuel 1 you can order your meal to be either take-out or eat-in. At refuel two all the meals are take out. If you are hungry but cannot eat a whole meal then there are a range of smaller snacks on sale and you can also purchase a variety of drinks. The way you pay for your meals is with your fingerprint- your parents can top this up through wisePAY.



# Staff

Our headteacher at DHSB is Mr Roberts. He is the man in the image below. He is in charge of our school and all the teachers. He also teaches some science classes as well. Mr. Roberts makes important decisions for our school. His office is located in reception and you can sometimes see him walking around the school.

There are other staff that you will see around school. Some of them are form tutors. The form tutors look after the different forms. The form tutor you have in year seven will not be the one you have in year eight, but the form tutor you get after that you have up until sixth form.



# School trips

At DHSB, we offer many different fun and educational school trips. They take place over 1 week in the summer. They range from sailing to surfing to sports trips. In year 7, the school trip available is bushcraft. You will spend the week in tents and take part in activities like fire lighting and den building. When you reach the older age groups you will have a range of trips to choose from. There are also sports trips to look out for. If you do not want to go on these trips then there are a range of activities that will be available in school or around Plymouth.

The prices of school trips range depending on where they are. The school trips will be taken by school staff.

There are also other trips available at different times of the year. These trips will also cost money and will be taken by school staff, just like the other trips.

# Break time

At break time you will be able to eat your lunch or snack, go to refuel, or just play on the playground. In your first year you will have a playground specifically for year 7's (see photo below) where you can spend your break with your friends. Break one will be between 11:10 to 11:35 and break 2 will be between 13:35 to 14:20.

There are two breaktime staff which will look after you during break time and bring a football at break 2. If you need the toilet, there are some in A block on the corridor connecting six form and D block, some in B Block on the ground floor, some in D block on the ground floor and some on the bottom floor of E block next to the changing rooms.



# Houses at DHSB

When a student joins DHSB, they are assigned to one of six houses. These are: Campbell, Edison, Newton, Priestley, Smeaton or Winstanley.

Each house has their own colours :

Campbell - Orange

Edison - Green

Newton - Purple

Priestley - Yellow

Smeaton - Blue

Winstanley - Red

There are various house competitions that are available to compete in throughout the year. Sports Day takes place during the summer term.

Each house chooses people to be representatives. There are three different roles and two people per role. These are: voice representative, charity representative and sports representative. There are house charity weeks organised by the head of house and other charity reps. These include different fundraisers, for example, cake sales. The money goes to different charities that range from Plymouth to around the world.

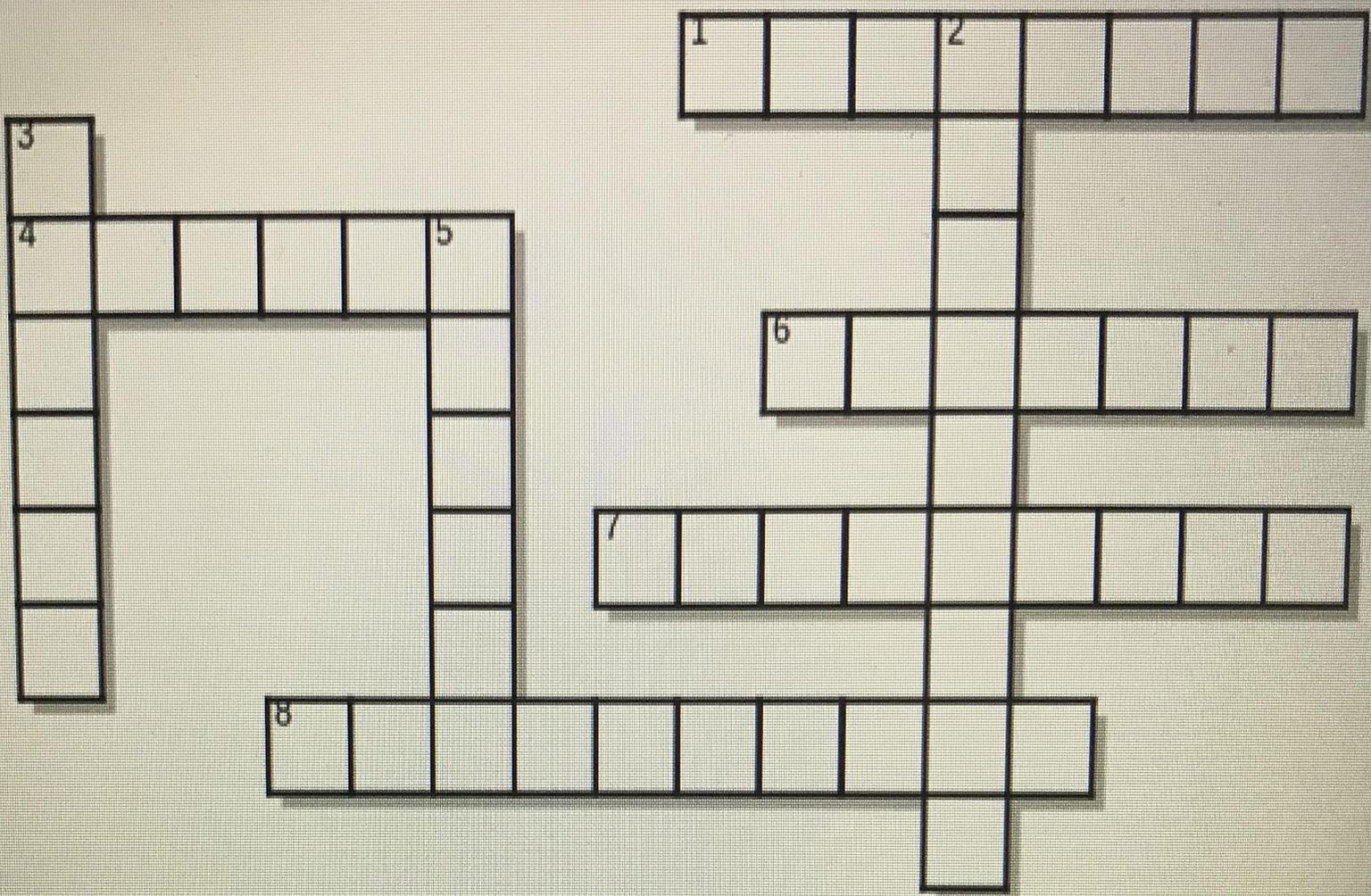
# The Learning Commons

The Learning Commons is located next to E block. It is used for work and it is also a great place to get away from the weather. It is open during lunch ( 13:35 - 14:10 ) and after school. In the learning commons there are two floors. The upper learning commons is located above the lower learning commons. It is accessible by the staircase to the right of the door.

The learning commons have lots of chromebooks, so you can do your homework in there. You can also purchase chromebooks from the school website. Homework club takes place in the learning commons on Monday- Thursday after school.



# Have a go at our school crossword!



## ACROSS

- 1 orange tie
- 4 green tie
- 6 blue tie
- 7 tell you where and when your lessons are
- 8 red tie

## DOWN

- 2 yellow tie
- 3 where students can buy food from during school time
- 5 purple tie