



Welcome to Commonweal Year 7 2023-24





Commonweal:

For the Good of All

Mr Drew - Headteacher



The Commonweal Vision

To prepare all our students to enter the global world with the skills and qualifications they need to build bright futures for themselves.

To prepare all our students to contribute to reshaping the world to the benefit of all.

To provide a rich and stimulating school experience.

Do all of the above whilst being true to our values. Always placing the students first and treating all members of the school community with care, decency and respect.

Commonweal's Priorities



- Academic achievement for all
- Outstanding '**Student Support**' for all
- A rich and stimulating school experience

Transition 2023

Postcard

Transition days x3

Transition booklet

Activity Day/Supermedics



Transition 2023

Day 1 – Tutor group & CATS

Day 2 – Experience lessons at Commonweal

Day 3 Activity Day – PE & Coding



5th September 2023

- Students are expected to be in school at 8.35am
- Students will enter the school through main reception
- Year 7 and Year 12 are the only year groups in school
- Students will leave at 14:55 and will leave through the south entrance gates



Key Dates for Term 1

Monday 5th September - First day of school (Year 7s and Year 12)

Year 7 photos - TBC

Tuesday 19th September – Supermedics (Ridgeway & Sarum)

Wednesday 20th September – Supermedics (Stonehenge & Whitehorse)

Thursday 21st September - Activity Day (Ridgeway & Sarum)

Friday 22nd September - Activity Day (Stonehenge & Whitehorse)





Curriculum

Mr Bartlett – Deputy Headteacher

8.40 - 9.00	Registration/ Tutor Time/Assemblies (subject to change)
9.00 - 10.00	Lesson 1
10.00 - 11.00	Lesson 2
11.00 - 11.30	<p>Lunch 1 (Year 7 & 8 lunch service & use of canteens)</p> <p>During Lunch 1 you can go outside to sit with your friends on the benches or use the back tennis courts. This is also a chance to see your teacher if you need to speak to them.</p>
11.30 - 12.30	Lesson 3
12.30 - 13.00	<p>Lunch 2 (Year 9, 10& 11 lunch service & use of canteens)</p> <p>During Lunch 2 you can go to the canteen to buy some food or sit with your friends on the benches outside. This is also a chance to see your teacher if you need to speak to them.</p>
13.00 - 14.00	Lesson 4
14.00 - 14.55	Lesson 5
	At 2.55, it is time to go home or you may stay behind to join in some extra-curricular activities. A list of these will be in your Tutor room.

The Year 7 Curriculum

Every two weeks, each number represents an hour:

- Maths: 7
- English: 7
- Science: 5
- History: 3
- Geography: 3
- Religion, Philosophy and Ethics: 2
- French or Spanish: 5
- PE: 4
- Computing: 2
- Catering: 2



- Drama: 2
- Music: 2
- Social Science: 2
- Art/Graphics: 3



The Commonweal Way

- Actively engage in your learning in the Tutor programme inc. Everybody Reads and in lessons
- Strive to achieve a high number of House Points
- High attendance of 95% and above
- Wear the school uniform with pride
- Arrive to school and lessons on time
- Have Learning Profiles of 5 and 6 on your Reports
- Be organised, remember all your equipment and books for each day



The Commonweal Way

- Complete all homework on time and to the best of your ability
- Participate in enrichment, represent your House and school
- Be polite and helpful within the school community
- Reflect on your learning through GPOP
- Demonstrate appropriate academic progress on your reports
- Strive to be invited to Prize Giving and the Commonweal Way Celebration

Top Tips for Year 7s!

1. Learn where everything is
2. Be on time
3. Try your best
4. Be friendly
5. Be organised
6. Get involved
7. Pack your bag the night before
8. Don't be afraid to make mistakes



Equipment for learning



School bag



School planner



Rubber



Pencil sharpener



Glue stick



Pencil case

Black and green pens



Pencil



Highlighter



Coloured pencils



Ruler



Calculator



Homework

- The amount of homework students receive will vary from subject to subject
- Homework must be handed in on the day specified by the teacher
- Homework will be set on Edulink





Key Information

Mrs Ali Merk – Deputy Headteacher



Attendance

Good Attendance Habits

- Please work with us to promote great attendance
- Report unplanned absence using absence@commonweal.co.uk (include first name, last name and tutor group and the reason for absence)
- Contact must come from a verified email address – keep us updated!
- We aim to avoid unauthorised absences
- Medical appointments should be made outside of hours where possible

Good Attendance Habits

- Please do not communicate to your child that you are picking them up via their mobile phone - you must notify the school reception
- Applications to take your child out of school for an extended period must be made well in advance to the Heads PA via head@commonweal.co.uk
- All attendance below 95% is monitored



The House System

Heads of House and Deputy Heads of House

Ridgeway

Miss Lang and Miss Chivers

Sarum

Mr Scandling and Mr O'Neill

Stonehenge

Mrs Whittington and Mr Roberts

Whitehorse

Miss Burridge and Miss McSparron-Edwards

Tutor List

- 7R1 Mr Love
- 7R2 Mrs Staneva
- 7SA1 Miss Stephens
- 7SA2 Mrs Hatter
- 7ST1 Mr Thorne
- 7ST2 Ms Whetman
- 7W1 Miss Harvey
- 7W2 Mrs Robbins







Role of the Tutor

- The Tutor is 1st contact for students and parents
- **There is a chance to meet your child's tutor in early autumn**
- Some will be worried, some excited about new routines, expectations and responsibilities...use your Tutor!



THE COMMONWEAL WAY

TUTOR TIME – 7R1

	WEEK A	WEEK B
MONDAY	Checks & Reflect	Everybody Reads 
TUESDAY	Ridgeway Assembly	Checks & Reflect
WEDNESDAY	Everybody Reads 	Everybody Reads 
THURSDAY	Everybody Reads 	News
FRIDAY	News	Year 7 Assembly

Parental engagement

Things that you can do to help your child integrate successfully into
Commonweal:

- Communication during the school day must be through school staff
- Check their Edulink each week
- Check they have their equipment including workbooks
- Uniform and appearance
- Help with attendance and punctuality
- Personal items, label everything, anything valuable keep at home, check lost property, lockers
- Monitor mobile phones and social media
- Keep contact details up to date



School Uniform (KS3)

- Plain blue shirt
- School tie
- Plain black trousers/pleated skirt
- Low heeled, plain black shoes (no logo)
- Blue v-necked school jumper/cardigan
- A suitable coat (not a hoodie)



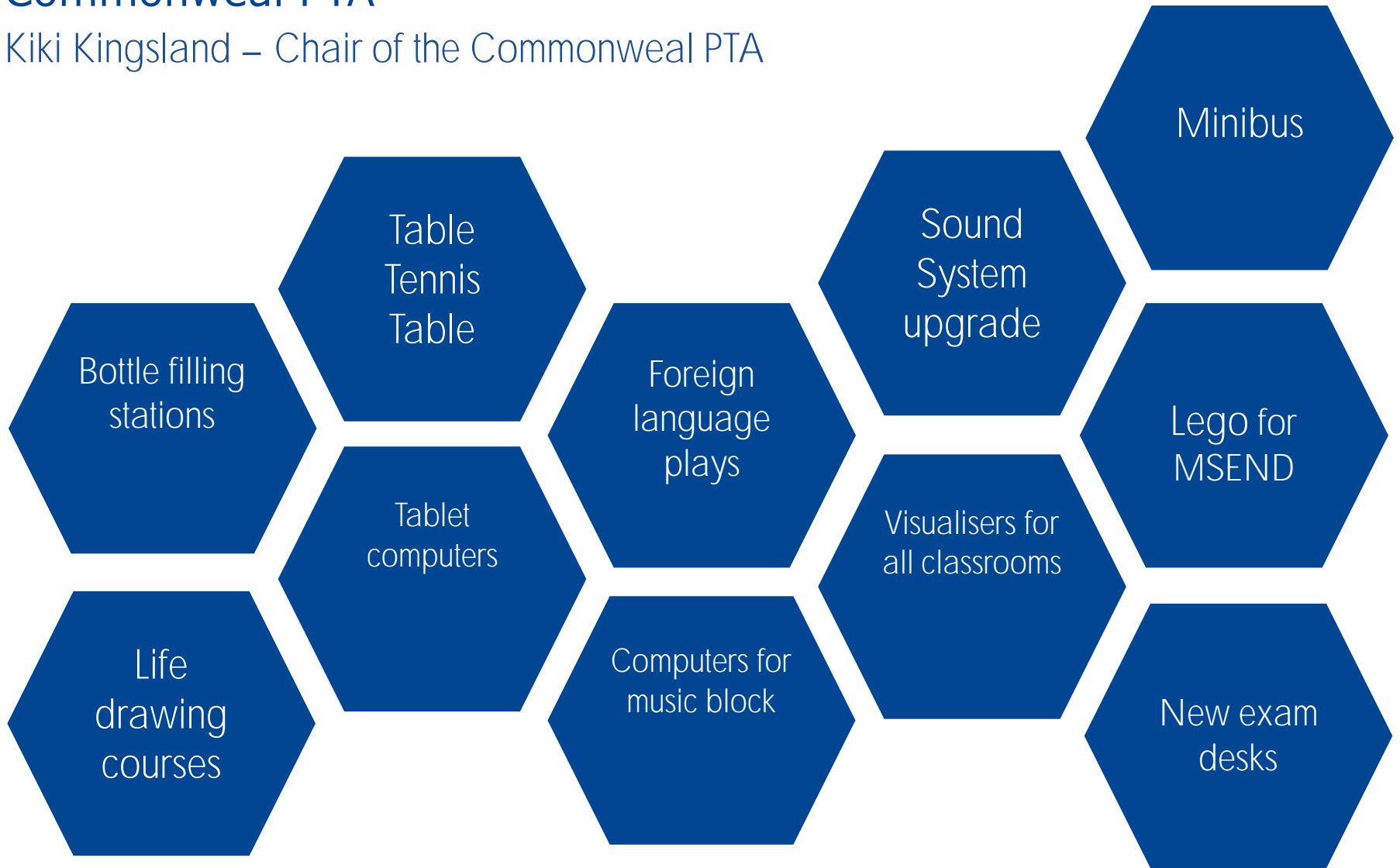
Summer Term: A blue polo shirt may be worn instead of a shirt and tie

Purchasing School Uniform

- Uniform can be purchased at **Monkhouse Schoolwear Specialists** on Sanford Street, Swindon. Online through: www.monkhouse.com
- www.myclothing.com - jumpers & summer polo shirt
- PTA uniformcommonwealpta@gmail.com

Commonweal PTA

Kiki Kingsland – Chair of the Commonweal PTA





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The Faculty of Curriculum Support

Commonweal has 2 hubs: Mainstream hub and PI hub, for students with or without EHCPs.

There are a number of interventions that your child may access in Year 7 and beyond.

These include:

- Corrective Reading
- Spelling through Morphographs
- Vocabulary building
- Raise the Bar


We would encourage you to contact Mrs Fidan & Mrs Clifford-Budden if you have concerns about your child's learning:

bfidan@commonweal.co.uk

cclifford-budden@commonweal.co.uk

Tonight

- This presentation will be on the Commonweal website
- Please email any questions that you have to transition@commonweal.co.uk



Academic Excellence.
Performing Arts.

"The Commonweal School has a long and proud history of serving its community. The world has changed beyond recognition since Commonweal first opened its doors to students in 1927, but Commonweal is still guided by the creed its name encapsulates. For the good of all. The Commonweal school exists to serve the community in which it sits and the young people of that community."

Mr Charles Drew
Headteacher

About Commonweal

