

# Open Evening – October 2021 - Frequently Asked Questions

## What are the Thamesmead Values?

- Resilient, Respectful, Committed, Independent, Aspiration, Confident, Community Focussed

## What is break time/lunch time like?

- Break time is 15 minutes long, lunchtime is 30 minutes.
- Efficient canteen system and outdoor food POD with card payment—topped up online.
- Main Hall available, along with quad, playground and field in good weather. There is a separate area for Year 7s.

## What about homework?

- Homework is for 30 minutes in year 7 per subject, but at the start of year 7 only 15-20 minutes is given to get students used to it.
- It increases gradually in years 8-11 from 35 mins to 1 hour.
- Some is teacher marked, some peer assessed, some is group assessed, some for class presentations.
- Set on “Microsoft Teams” with a week to complete.

## Do you have a lot of extra activities?

- There are activities every day after school – some example Thamesmead Plus activities are in this programme.
- There are also House Events going on regularly, e.g. Students v Teachers week, Readathon, Bake Off, Sports and charity events.

## Do students get detentions?

- In class the system is verbal warning, official warning and then a detention.
- Detentions are also set for lack of homework, poor behaviour.
- BUT – there is also a Reward System to encourage students to aim high and win points for themselves and for their House. Students can earn badges reflecting the Thamesmead Values, to add to their blazer lapel. The winning house has a reward afternoon in the summer.

## What happens if someone is being bullied?

- At Thamesmead we emphasis our school values which include respect and being community focused.
- Unkindness is rare but when incidences do occur students know that they can report it to their Form Tutor, their Head of Year or identified members of the safeguarding team who will help them.
- Assemblies are delivered weekly and cover themes such as respect, kindness, tolerance and bullying. We hold an annual anti-bullying week.

## What subjects do students learn in year 7?

- English, Maths, Geography, History, French/Spanish, Science, Computer Science, PE, Dance, Drama, Design Technology, Food & Nutrition, Music, Art.