

## 11. Can I bring my own personal belongings to school?

Yes, you can, but this really is at your **own risk**. Make sure that if you do bring anything to school that it is **properly named**. Girls/boys should **not** wear **jewellery** at school and there are practical reasons for this. You will be asked to remove any jewellery prior to any games sessions and really it is easier for all concerned not to wear jewellery especially if it is valuable. Earrings should be of a single stud variety and only one in each ear.

## 12. What is the Year System?

The Fourth Form Stenning Centre clearly has its own identity. Pupils remain in the Fourth Form for their first two years at College. However, during the first year, they are allocated to a House and will spend the rest of their time at College as a member of that House. Inter-House competitions are organised throughout the year and include drama and music competitions, swimming galas and other sporting activities. Boarding pupils will be placed in either Colbourne or School House and will return to their boarding House after the school day.

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## THE FOURTH FORM STENNING CENTRE A Student's Guide to Lower 4 and Upper 4

The first few weeks in any new school environment can be a little confusing. There are so many questions you wish answered but all too often you do not have the time or even dare to ask them. Perhaps these answers to the following questions may help you.

### 1. Who goes into the Fourth Form?

Fourth Form at King William's College represents years 7 (Lower 4) and 8 (Upper 4) at Secondary School or Key Stage 3 in National Curriculum terms. There are three classes in each year group.

### 2. Why is there a Fourth Form at College?

The Stenning Centre is your base at College. Some of your lessons are taught there, your **form tutor** looks after your class in this building and you also have your break there. The Stenning Centre **is the area you can call your own**, as is the area outside around the centre. The Fourth Form Head of Year's office is located in the building.

### 3. What does my form tutor do?

**Each class** has a **form tutor** who is always at hand to look after your interests. Your tutor sorts out **morning and afternoon registration** and will **see you each Friday at tutorial time** but these are only the official roles. You should always feel free to go and **talk to your tutor at any time** of the day to discuss any matter. Your form tutor sorts out your house points, assessments and

homework diary and on a Friday has a 20 minute tutorial session with you to discuss relevant matters.

**4. What are the Assessments?**

Every half term, each teacher will give you an **assessment** for **achievement** (a letter) and **effort** (a number). You will go over your assessment with your tutor. A copy of this sheet will be posted to your parents. There are 5 assessments and 2 sets of examinations in the academic year.

**5. Where do I keep my personal belongings?**

**Each pupil has a locker** in the building to store books and other belongings. You will be required to provide 2 locks. (1 for a wooden locker and 1 for a wire cage). Sturdy combination locks are the preferred option. Please make sure that your **games bag is not too big** so that you can fit all that you need into your locker or cage storage area.

**6. How much prep/homework should I do every night?**

The suggestion is that in the Fourth Form you should spend around **20 minutes per subject each night**. For the **3 preps** therefore that means **around one hour**. Sometimes you may spend a little more, sometimes you may spend a little less. If you find that you are taking a lot of time generally in any subject each time you do that prep, talk to your form tutor about this or even your subject teacher. All prep information should be entered in your **homework diary** and checked by your form tutor and parents weekly.

**7. What is the homework diary?**

This small book is used by you to enter your prep details each day. There is space at the back to fill in your timetable and also room in it to make other notes. Please keep this diary with you **at all times**. Subject teachers will enter house points and your form tutor will wish to see it each week at tutorial time.

**8. Are House Points part of the reward system at College?**

Yes, you will receive **House Points** from your subject teachers for **good work** and also generally from the staff for **other good deeds** e.g. being kind to a fellow pupil or helping out at break. The House Points are entered in your homework diary and are added up each week at tutorial time. These House Points accumulate through the term and result in awards to the best individuals at the end of each term.

**9. What punishments are there at College?**

Your form tutor will keep a close eye on your **general attitude and behaviour** throughout the term and poor performance in any subject will quickly be picked up by them or the Head of Year. Sometimes you will be asked to complete work in your own free time and, if merited you will receive **detention** administered on a **Friday**. Your parents will receive warning that you have been given a detention. Usually you will be informed on your Friday tutorial for a detention the following week. In **extreme** cases you may be put '**on report**' which will mean each lesson's performance for a week will be monitored, daily improvement noted by your tutor, behaviour around school monitored and your parent's signature required each evening.

**10. What sports and activities are there during the week?**

There are two **sports sessions during the week**. Boys play rugby, soccer, hockey and cricket in the main but will also play a range of other sports. Girls play hockey, football, netball and rounders. In L4 and U4 there are two PE sessions during the week, one for general PE and one for swimming. The games programme for the following week is displayed on our notice board and this will include team sheets for any matches. Make sure that you are organised for all games sessions, that your sports bag is not large (so that it can fit into your cage or locker) and that you always have your swimming costume at school in case we have a wet weather programme. There are a range of other activities available which are detailed on the notice boards.