



Heathfield

Community College and Sixth Form

**Welcome to Year 7 students
September 2026**

Social transition:

Making and maintaining healthy friendships

Key Tasks:

- Know how to make friends
- Understand what makes a healthy friendship
- Know the difference between friendship difficulties and bullying, and how to report any bullying type behaviour
- Know how to manage the arguments and ups and downs of friendships and how to resist peer pressure
- Understand the benefits and risks of online social activity and how to manage online friendships (*no phones or devices in your room after a particular time*)

What we do

- Work during tutor time to support friendship building and settling in through tutor time activities and peer mentoring
- Friendship resolution sessions
- Assemblies on a range of subjects to support healthy friendships
- Anti-bullying week and regular anti-bullying work

“if we don’t know we can’t do anything about it”

- 1:1 support, group work, mediation and restorative meetings as needed
- Staying safe online assemblies

First day. Where do we go?

- Term will start for Year 7 on Friday 4th September
- On your first day, you will be the only students in the main school other than Values Leaders who you met during Taster Days.
- Year 13 will also be on site.
- All Year 7's will be met by staff and directed to a meeting place.
- Year 7 tutors and Values Leaders will meet Year 7 students and take them to their tutor base (form room)

First day. What will the first day be like?

- On the first day year 7 spend 1 hour with their tutor and Values Leaders.
- Students will receive their subject timetable and map.
- Tutors and Values Leaders will help Year 7 plan their first few days using the map.
- Cashless catering thumb prints taken on the first day. Cash or cards will be accepted on the first day only.

First day. What equipment will I need?



Pencil and Sharpener



Pens



Pencil Case



Rubber



Ruler and Protractor



Scientific Calculator -
Casio FX-85GTCW



Phone Pouch



Coloured Pens/Pencils



Water Bottle



Reading Book



iPad (charged)



Headphones/Airpods (compatible with iPads)

First day. Will I need to be in full uniform?

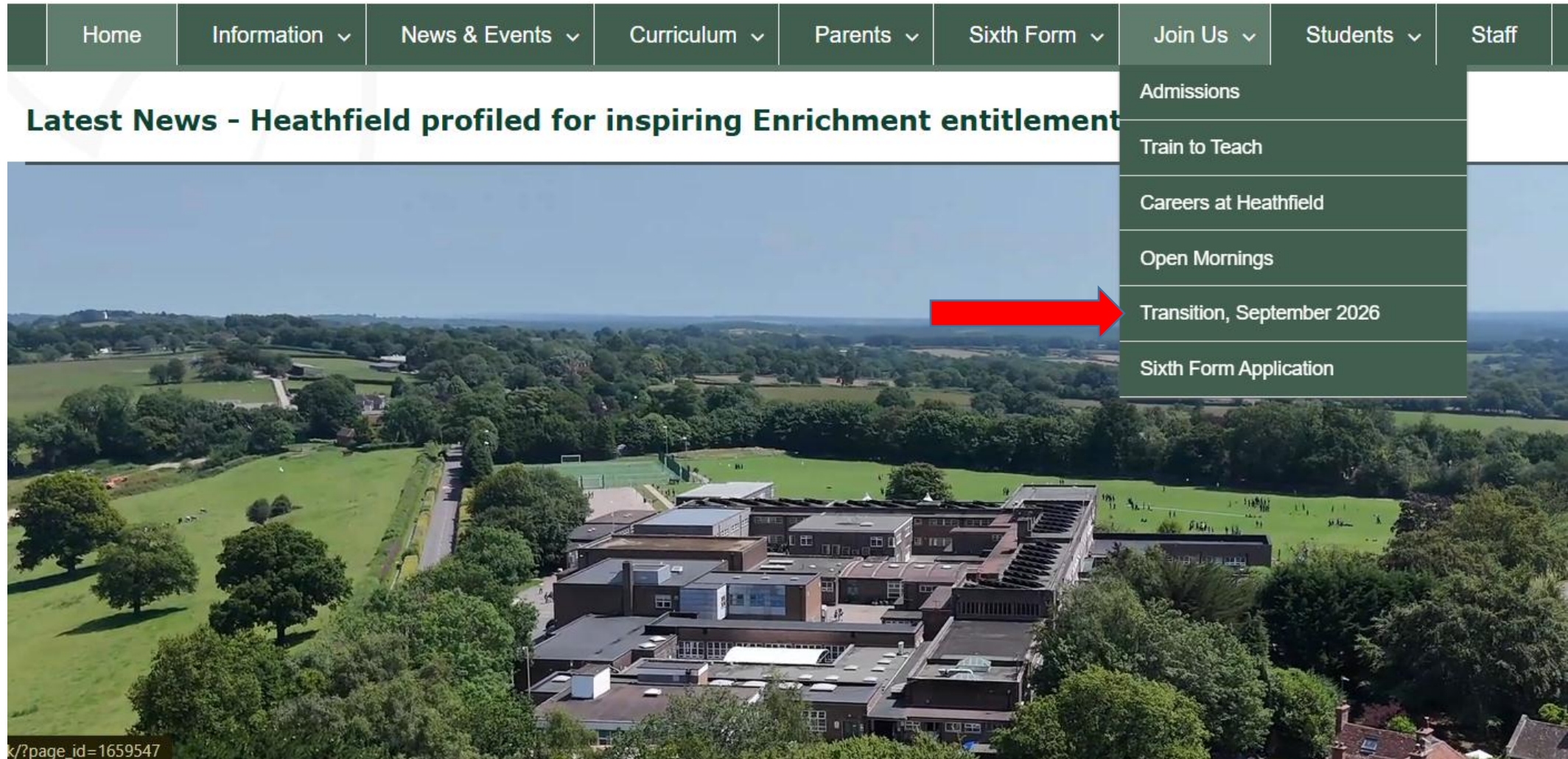
- Yes absolutely, no PE kit needed for the first day.
- We have a very reasonable but strict uniform policy which can be found on our website and in the parent handbook. These both outline all the basic requirements including footwear (these need to be ‘school shoes’ and not ‘school trainers’ i.e. they can be polished)
- Hair styles and any jewelery also need to be as per the uniform policy which can be found on the website.

Second day - Monday 7th September

- 2 hours with their tutor
- Assembly with Headteacher
- Weather permitting, there will be a year 7 only walk through Emergency Evacuation Drill

Further Information

Full information about all aspects of college life can be found in the Parent Handbook which can be found on our website here.



Any questions?

If you have any further enquiries during Term 6, please email transition@heathfieldcc.co.uk