



INTERNATIONAL GROUP

Southfields Academy



YOUR
NEW
SCHOOL



Welcome to the International Group and the EMAG department

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First let me explain a few things...

Well... The International Group is for pupils who have recently moved to the UK and their first language is not English.

If you are in Year 10, 11 or the sixth form you will join the International Group. If you are in Year 7, 8 or 9 you will have extra support with your English.



Ethos statement

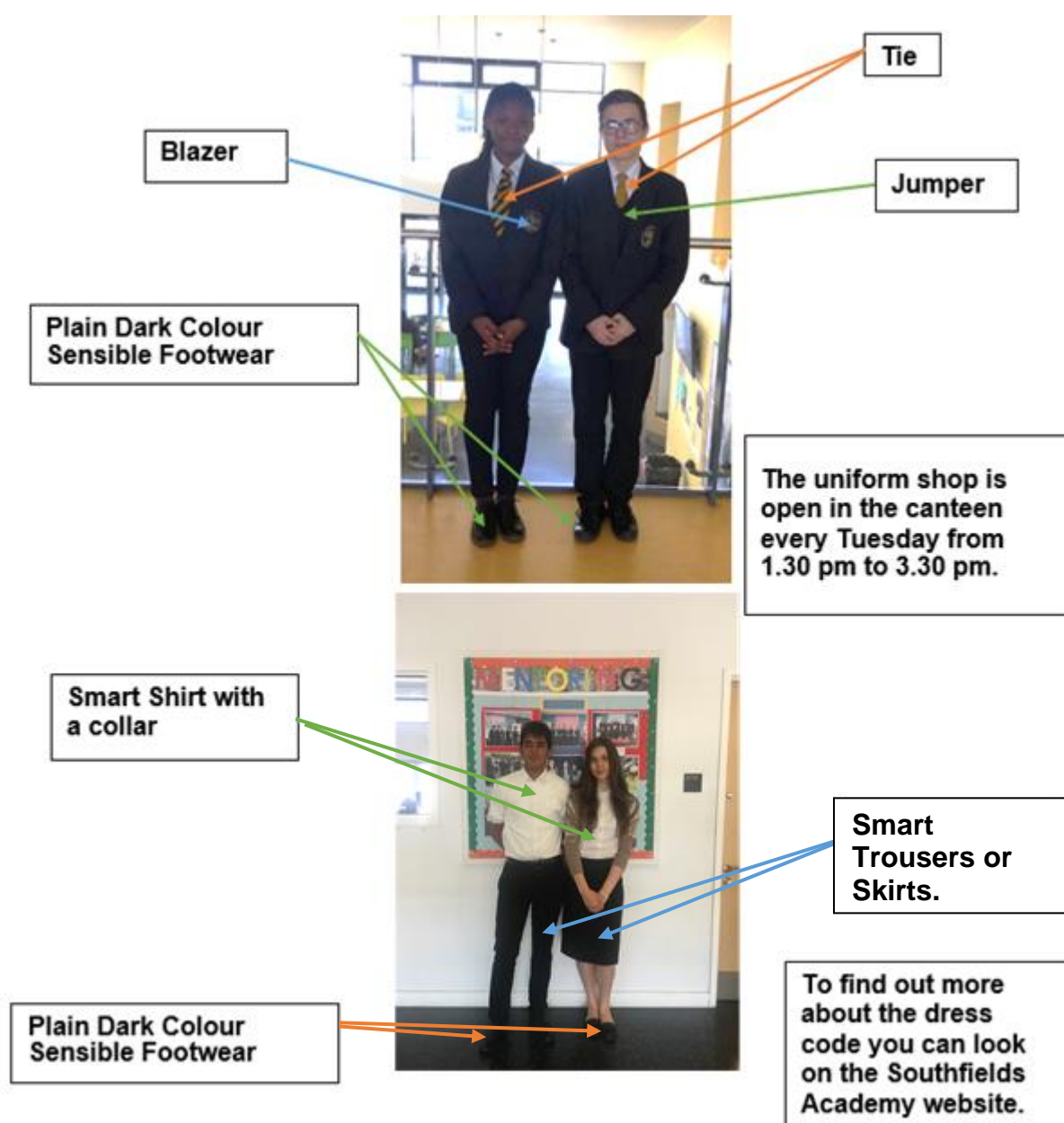
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This booklet is all about your new school, Southfields Academy. Here at Southfields we work with you and your parents to help you achieve your potential. Remember to work hard, respect your teachers and fellow students and follow the school rules.

On your first day

OK... you have joined the Academy but what should you do next?
On your first day you must be wearing school uniform if you're in Year 7, 8, 9, 10 or 11.

If you're in the sixth form you have to wear smart clothes.



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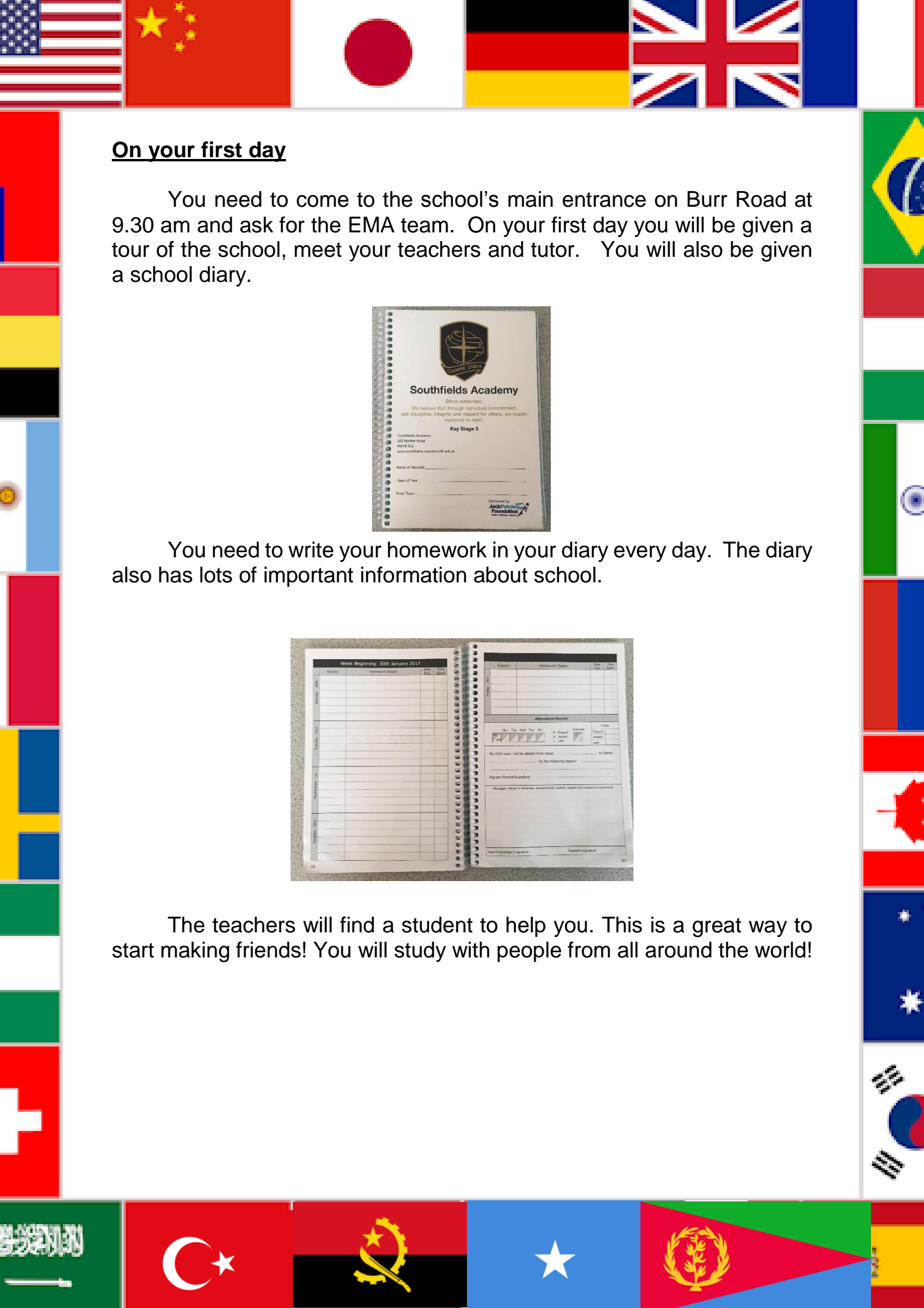
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Burrton S.W.15
www.southfieldsacademy.co.uk
Name of Student: _____
Year of Year: _____
Parent/Tutor: _____
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The diary is open to two pages. The left page shows a weekly planner for the week beginning 30th January 2017, with columns for Subject, Homework Details, Date, Time, and Status. The right page contains sections for Homework Details, Attendance Record (with checkboxes for Present, Absent, etc.), My class was / not be absent from school for the following reason, Signatures (Parent/Guardian), and Teachers' signatures.

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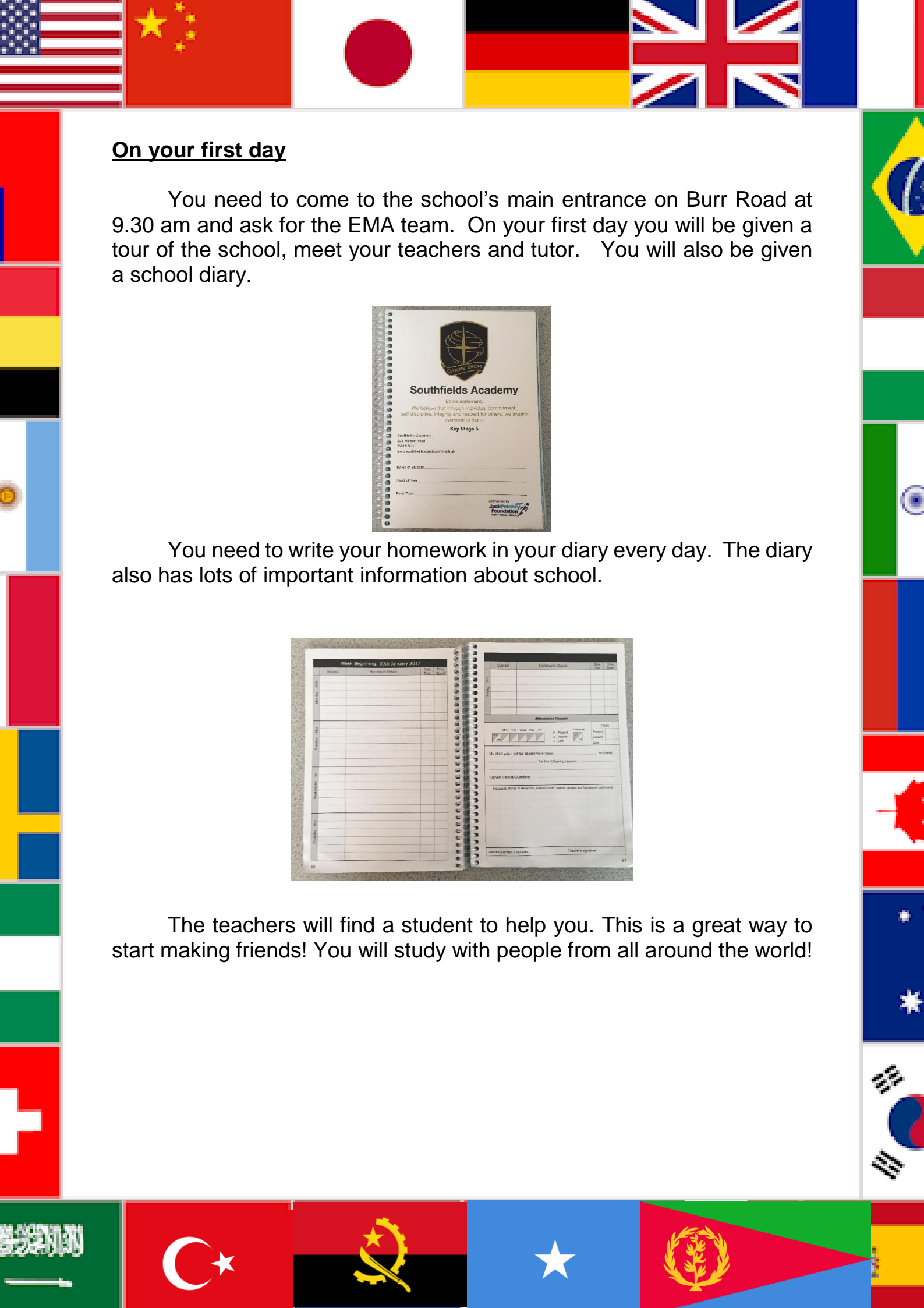
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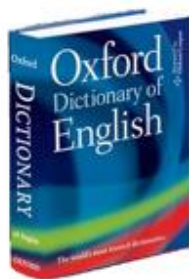
Equipment

So what do you need to bring to school on your first day?

You must bring 3 black pens, 1 highlighter pen, 1 green pen, a pencil, a sharpener and a rubber. You also need a maths kit (a scientific calculator, ruler, protractor and a compass).

You must buy either an English Dictionary or Bilingual Dictionary. A thesaurus is also useful.

All the other books you need are provided by school. You may be asked to buy a reading book and a grammar book.



So what will I study?

Year 7 and Year 8

Years 7 and 8 are known in the UK as Key Stage 3. Students study a range of subjects. Students study the core subjects, Science, Maths and English 4/5 hours per week. They also study History, Geography, Computing, Art and Design, Music, Drama, Religious Education (R.E.), Spanish, Physical Education (P.E.) and Personal Social and Health Education. (P.S.H.E.)

Students who speak English as an Additional Language are taught English Language alongside the English curriculum. Some students may also have extra English Language lessons instead of Spanish.

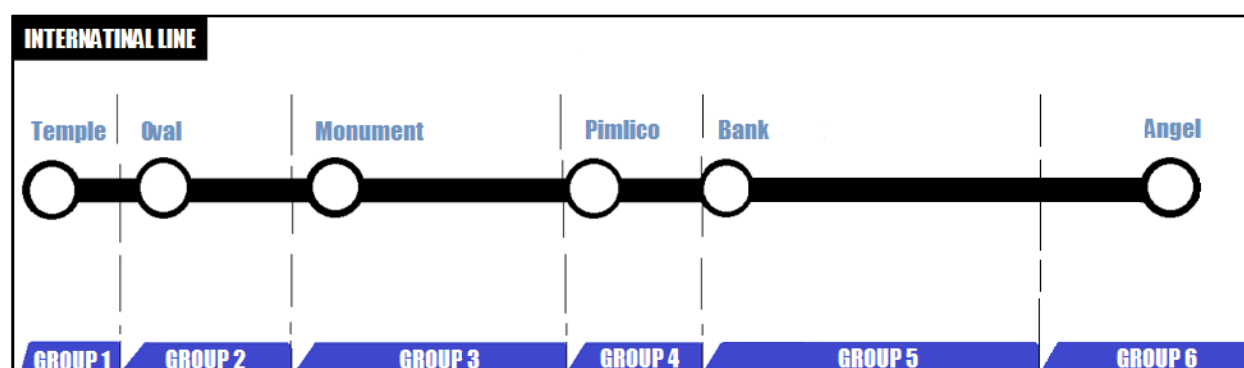
Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11

At the beginning of Year 9 students move into Key Stage 4. In Year 9 you begin your GCSE courses. GCSE exams are important exams you take at the end of Year 11. In Year 9 some subjects are compulsory (you have to study them) while you can choose some options.

All students study English, Maths, and Science, R.E., P.E. and P.S.H.E. Students can then choose a variety of subjects from the four option blocks. Options include; History, Geography, Catering, Computer Science, Art, Sociology, Graphics, Textiles, Spanish, Construction, Business and Health and Social Care.



International Group



If you join the school in Year 10, 11 or 12 you will join the International Group. The subjects you study will depend on your level of English. Shortly after you arrive you will sit a short test in English and maths.

There are 6 groups in the International Group and the group you join depends on your level of English and Maths

All students in the International Group study Maths and English. You will have some choice over the other subjects. The other subjects taught in the International Group are Science, History, Geography, Travel and Tourism, Citizenship, Music, P.E., Drama, Business and ASDAN.

What time do I start and finish school?

The school day begins with registration and tutor time at 8.20am and ends at 3.45pm.

If you have an assembly you must be at school at 8.15am.

There are six lessons every day.

If you are in years 7 to 11 you can't go out of the school. If you are in the sixth form you can go out during the breaks.

08.20

Student main gates close!

08.20 08.30 Tutor Time

08.33 09.33 Period 1

09.35 10.35 Period 2

10.35 11.10 Break 1

11.10 12.10 Period 3

12.12 13.10 Period 4

13.10 13.35 Break 2

13.37 13.47 Registration

13.49 14.45 Period 5

14.47 15.45 Period 6

14.47 Late arrivals to attend Punctuality Plus+

Late students will have a detention!

Tutor time and Assembly

You will see your tutor twice a day for registration. Your tutor will help you settle into school and check you're doing well. If you are worried about anything you should talk to your tutor. Once a term you will have a meeting with your tutor during IEAP day. During this meeting you will discuss your progress.

If you are in year 7, 8 or 9, once a week you will have an assembly before or after school. There is also an International Group assembly once a week.

What will I eat?

You can choose whether to buy food or bring it from home.

Food is available in the canteen during break one and break two. You can also buy breakfast before school.

All food is halal. You can buy a variety of different healthy food in the canteen, from sandwiches to hot meals!

How can I buy food?

You will be given a dinner money account. You can add money to your account at the general office during break one. When you buy food money will be taken off your account. The school operates a biometric reader system and students use their fingerprint to access their account.



Can I use a computer at school?

Yes! You can use the computers for your homework and to find out information. You will be given a school email account with a username and password. Remember to keep this a secret! Be careful when using the Internet! Only use it for school work.



How else can I improve my English?

You should watch the news in English every day.

You should read an English newspaper every day and keep up to date with current affairs.



You should get into the habit of reading a book every day. You can borrow books from the school library. The library has many graded reading books. Ask the librarian to show you where. There are also many local libraries which you can join.

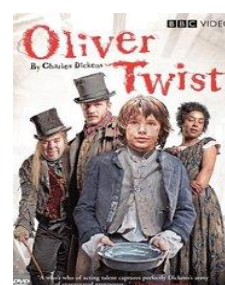
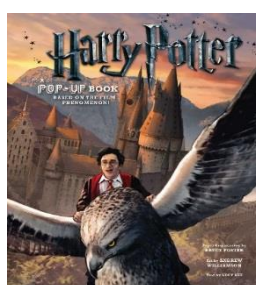
Useful websites to improve your English are:

<http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/>

<http://www.duolingo.com>

Important things that you need to know

1. You must come to school every day. Only in case of illness you are allowed to miss school. Your parent or guardian needs to inform school.
2. You must go to all your lessons and be on time.
3. You must bring your dictionary, your vocabulary book, your pencil case to all lessons and your maths kit to your maths lesson.
4. You must turn off your mobile phone and put it in your bag.
5. You must take off your coat when you arrive in class.
6. You must not eat or drink in class or chew gum.
7. Remember lessons are in English and you must speak in English. However, you should use your first language to think about your ideas when you are translating for another student or asking them for help.
8. You must work hard in class and complete all your homework on time.
9. Don't be afraid to ask! The teachers are here to help you.
10. Treat everyone with respect!



How can my parents / guardians help me do well?

Your parents can help you by making sure that you are always on time in school.

They should also check if you have the right equipment and you wear the correct uniform.

Making sure that you always complete your homework is their responsibility as well!

Attending parents' evenings is compulsory too.



Foreign Languages Examinations

If you can read and speak any of the following languages you can be entered for the GCSE:

Arabic
Italian
Polish
Russian
Turkish

French
Japanese

German
Mandarin

Greek
Persian
Spanish
Urdu

Portuguese



After school clubs

Joining a school club is a great way to meet new friends and have an enjoyable time! There are a variety of school clubs that you can join!

Do you like sport?
Do you like drama?
Do you like music?
Do you like IT?

Make sure you join an after school club!

All these clubs starts at 2:50pm and they are completely free!



Gym



Swimming Pool



Drama Studio

Will I have homework?

You will have homework every night.

You should write down your homework in your school diary and complete it on time.

You must attend your homework club once a week.

Homework club is an after school activity to improve your level of English by doing some practise homework. The teachers will be happy to help you on any others homework's that you may get.

They are compulsory and you must attend on time.



For further information

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us on the phone number: 020 8875 2600 or by the email: info@southfields.wandsworth.sch.uk

WELCOME TO SOUTHFIELDS ACADEMY!!