



Education Resources
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Dear parent / carer,

Now that we're almost a full week into our first term, I wanted touch base to pass on a few pieces of information, and key reminders, that I thought it would be useful for you to have for the coming months. As S1 year head, I am delighted to say that they have made a fantastic start so far and I am proud of how quickly they are setting in to life at Uddingston Grammar School. Their behaviour has been exceptional, and it has been lovely to see them consistently presenting as polite and respectful members of our school community. They are also looking very smart in their new school uniforms, which are clearly being worn with pride.

It has also been great to see how well our S1 pupils are navigating around the school building during their first week. Moving between classes and finding their way around a new and much larger environment can be a challenge, but they have adapted very well to the routines and expectations of secondary school.

Lunchtime Arrangements

As our new S1 pupils continue to settle into school, please be aware that pupils are not permitted to leave the school building during lunchtime. This arrangement is in place to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all pupils. We will review this arrangement after the October week and will communicate any changes to pupils and parents/carers at that time.

School Canteen

Please be aware that the school canteen operates a cashless system. Pupils have been issued with a 4-digit pin to pay with their account in the canteen. Money can be added to your young person's account via ParentPay. Alternatively, pupils should bring a packed lunch to school.

- ParentPay: www.parentpaygroup.com

S1 Google Classroom

I have set up an S1 Base Classroom through Google Classroom. Your young person can join this using their Glow account. This digital classroom will be used as a central platform for sharing key information with S1 pupils that is not necessarily communicated through assemblies. It will also provide an important way of ensuring that pupils who are absent from school do not miss important information or updates. I would encourage you to speak with your young person about joining the classroom and checking it regularly.

- Class code: 62qvipw6

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Looking After Our School Environment

As we continue to settle into our routines and expectations, I would also like to remind pupils about the importance of taking responsibility for their environment- the S1 playground. In particular, please encourage your child to use the bins provided and to take responsibility for any litter they may have. Keeping our school grounds clean is everyone's responsibility. Litter can also attract seagulls which can quickly create an additional issue around our school so this is something we would appreciate your support with.

S1 Information Events

Please note that the previously advertised S1 Information Evening has now been **removed** from the school calendar. There will therefore be no separate S1 Information Evening taking place as originally planned. Instead, we will be holding our Literacy and Numeracy meeting, which will provide a much more focused and informative opportunity to learn about your child's learning and progress in these key areas. Please see dates at the foot of this letter.

As you will see, these are scheduled later in the school diary which will also allow us to share more bespoke and meaningful information with you. By this point, we will have had further opportunity to observe how pupils are settling into secondary school, allowing us to provide a more informed picture of their learning, progress and next steps.

Bus Passes

Bus passes for the school buses contracted by McDade's and Photoflash bus companies will be issued to pupils once they have been delivered to the school. Once issued, pupils should present their pass to the bus driver before boarding (this should be the physical bus pass and not a photograph of it on their phone). Please be aware that, if a young person does not have a pass, they may not be allowed to board. If pupils do not receive their bus pass once these are issued, you should contact the bus company directly. Similarly, if pupils lose their pass during the course of the year, they should contact the bus company directly for a replacement however there may be a small charge for this.

More information about school transport arrangements can be found here:

- South Lanarkshire: <https://shorturl.at/rw2Yo>
- North Lanarkshire: <https://shorturl.at/NMR3C>

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping your child make such a positive transition to secondary school. It has been a pleasure to see how well our S1 pupils have started and I am very much looking forward to the year ahead. I hope you find the above information useful and wish your young person continuing success during their first term with us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jenna O'Neill

J O'Neill

Depute Head Teacher

Dates for your Diary

Event	Day	Date
S1 School Photographs	Wednesday	02/09/2026
S1 Numeracy Evening	Wednesday	23/09/2026
S1 Tracking Report	Released any day w/b 19/10/2026	
S1 Parents Evening	Wednesday	04/11/2026
S1 Literacy Event	Wednesday	28/10/2026