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Your Transition To MAESTEG SCHOOL

A Presentation for Year 6
Primary School
Parents & Carers

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Introducing...

MAESTEG SCHOOL



Headteacher,
Mrs Helen Jones



Deputy Headteacher,
Mrs Andrea Matthews



Key Staff at MAESTEG SCHOOL



Assistant Headteacher,
Mrs Kate Hopkins-Sparkes

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Year 7 Progress Leader 2026-27 at

MAESTEG SCHOOL



Mr Sean Cronin

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Our School Day

- 8.30-8.40- Line up
- 8.40-9.10am – Tutor time
- 9.10-10.05am – Lesson 1
- 10.05- 11.00am – Lesson 2
- 11.00-11.20am – Break
- 11.20-12.15pm – Lesson 3
- 12.15-12.50pm- Lunch
- 12.50pm-1.50pm – Lesson 4
- 1.50-2.50pm - Lesson 5

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This is your SCHOOL DAY

	1Mon	1Tue	1Wed	1Thu	1Fri
Reg					
1	Humanities VJS H01	Maths RJN M04	Expressive A KTS CA4	Science LES S06	Science LES S06
2	Science LES S06	Science HKA S06	Welsh ATT L06	Expressive A KTS CA4	Welsh ATT L06
3	French AGE L02	Maths RJN M04	Health&Welll ASR L01	English BJS E01	Games ASR
4	Expressive A KTS CA4	Welsh ATT L06	English BJS E01	English BJS E01	Maths RJN M04
5	Spanish THL M07	Humanities VJS H01	English BJS E01	Maths RJN M04	Technology HTS T03

	2Mon	2Tue	2Wed	2Thu	2Fri
Reg					
1	Expressive A KTS CA4	Science Reasc MJS S10	Humanities VJS H01	Games ASR	Health&Welll ASR CA16
2	Digital Comp RWR BI04	Humanities VJS H01	Maths RJN M04	English BJS E01	Expressive A KTS CA4
3	Technology HTS T03	Games ASR CA3	English BJS E01	Humanities VJS H01	Science LES S06
4	French AGE L02	Science LES S06	Digital Comp RWR BI04	Technology HTS T03	Spanish THL M07
5	Humanities VJS H01	Technology HTS T01	Expressive A KTS CA4	Science Reasc JHS S09	Maths RJN M04

We operate a two week timetable alternating between week 1 and 2 throughout the year, which can be checked on the school calendar to avoid confusion (especially after school holidays.)



This is your SCHOOL DAY

Lessons finish at 2.50pm and we extend a warm welcome to all pupils who wish to stay for 'Power Hour' activities, which are academic, cultural and sporting.

If pupils remain in school for 'Power Hour' activities then the school day will end at 4.00pm.

Power Hour!



Year 7

TUTOR GROUPS



- There is 1 tutor with every tutor group which contains on average 30 pupils.
- All year 6 pupils carefully sorted into tutor groups, which are also teaching groups for most AoLEs.
- Tutor time will last for up to 30 minutes a day. There is a programme of activities organised for tutor time as well as house assemblies.
- Each year group is looked after by a Progress Leader and a member of the Senior Leadership Team.



Expectations

- Attendance and Punctuality
- Uniform
- Mobile Phones
- Chromebook/ Equipment

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Attendance and Punctuality



Missing out on school for holidays,
or days off can affect my future and the job I might want to do..

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Attendance and Punctuality

- We'd all be happy with 90% on a test.
- However, 90% attendance is $\frac{1}{2}$ day missed every week, which equates to 20 days off in a year or 4 full weeks of lessons missed.
- 90% attendance over 5 years of school = $\frac{1}{2}$ a year of school missed.
- 95% attendance is 10 days missed during the year which is 50 days over 5 years of school.
- Please help and support us to ensure your child's attendance is above 97%
- Work with us.
- The first 30 minutes of each day is spent with form tutors, checking that pupils are prepared for the day, wellbeing checks and key information given. Arriving late to school means your child will miss out on this
- **If your child is absent, please call the school absence line before 9am on 01656 815950 choosing option 1.**

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This is our SCHOOL UNIFORM

- Blazer
- Optional v-neck sweater or cardigan
- White shirt
- School Tie
- Black skirt/tailored trousers
- All black trainers or low heeled shoes



OUR UNIFORM

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COMPULSORY:

- SCHOOL BLACK BLAZER
- SCHOOL TIE
- WHITE SHIRT
- BLACK FORMAL TROUSERS / SKIRT
- BLACK SOCKS
- BLACK SHOES OR BLACK TRAINERS

OPTIONAL:

- ADDITIONAL BLACK V-NECK JUMPER OR CARDIGAN

PE KIT:

COMPULSORY:

- BLACK T-SHIRT
- BLACK JOGGER, SHORTS/LEGGINGS
- TRAINERS

OPTIONAL:

- MID LAYER TOP (OPTIONAL)



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Mobile Phones- Refined Policy

- From September we will be implementing a mobile phone hand in policy for Year 7
- Phones will be handed in during registration and given back to pupils at the end of lesson 5
- Phones will be securely locked away during the day and given back to pupils at the end of lesson 5
- Any phones seen during the day will be confiscated and parents will need to come to school to collect it. They will not be handed back to pupils.
- Your support in helping to ensure your child(ren) follow and adhere to this policy is important.

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The Rational

Improved Focus and Learning

- Phones can distract students with social media, games, and messaging.
- Removing them helps pupils concentrate better during lessons.
- Studies show improved academic performance when phones are restricted.

Better Mental Health and Wellbeing

- Constant phone use is linked to anxiety, stress, and poor sleep.
- Social media can increase pressure, comparison, and cyberbullying.
- A phone-free environment can create calmer, less stressful school days.

Reduction in Bullying and Cyberbullying

- Phones allow instant sharing of harmful messages, images, or videos.
- Banning them limits opportunities for:
 - Online harassment during school hours
 - Recording or sharing incidents involving other pupils

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Improved Social Interaction

- Without phones, students are more likely to:
 - Talk face-to-face
 - Build friendships
 - Develop communication skills
- Encourages healthier social behaviour.

Easier Classroom Management

- Teachers spend less time dealing with phone-related issues.
- Fewer disruptions during lessons.
- Creates a more controlled and respectful learning environment.

Safeguarding and Privacy

- Phones can be used to:
- Record others without permission
- Share inappropriate content
- Banning phones helps protect students' privacy and safety.



Chromebooks and Equipment

- Every pupil is expected to bring a fully stocked pencil case.
- Every pupil in Year 7 will be given a Chromebook and a charger.
- Chromebooks must be brought to school fully charged each day to support learning
- If a Chromebook is lost or damaged this must be reported to your child's form tutor ASAP
- Each pupil in Year 7 will have access to their own locker

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Keeping Your Child Safe Online

Support can be found

Maesteg School Website / Esafety area

Or

Hwb



Our aim is not to stop children using technology,
—— but help them become ——



SAFE



RESPONSIBLE



RESPECTFUL



**INDEPENDENT
DIGITAL CITIZENS**



Technology is used every day for learning, homework and communication.



Internet Safety

Helping learners stay
safe, responsible and confident online



Protect
personal information



Think
before you share



Recognise
scams and misinformation



Speak to a trusted adult
if something doesn't feel right



STOP

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THINK

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TALK



School based internet monitoring



Filter

harmful or
inappropriate



Monitor

online activity



Alert

designated
safeguarding
staff



Support

early intervention,
allowing us to
offer help where
it may be needed.



Works at school and at home

only when using school accounts.



WhatsApp / Messaging Apps



Common issues we see include:



Group chat disagreements



Screenshots being shared



Excluding others



Hurtful comments and rumours



This is **not always bullying**, but it can be upsetting.



Online disagreements often continue into school **the next day**.



STOP

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THINK

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TALK



How You Can Support Your Child

Simple steps that can make a **big difference**



Talk regularly
about their
online experiences.



**Check privacy and
safety settings**
together.



Remind them that
anything shared online
can be copied or
forwarded.



Encourage them
to leave conversations
that become unkind
or inappropriate—
and tell a **trusted adult**.



STOP

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THINK

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TALK



Screen Time

⇒ Healthy Screen Time ⇐

♥ Technology is about **balance**, not banning.



Device-free
mealtimes



No phones in
bedrooms overnight



Time outdoors
and regular breaks



Time with
family and friends



A good
night's sleep



Quality screen time **matters more** than quantity.



STOP

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THINK

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TALK



How Parents Can Check Screen Time Usage



1



Open
Settings

2



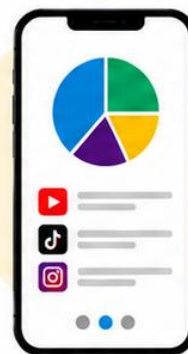
Tap
Screen Time /
Digital Wellbeing

3



View
Daily & Weekly
Usage

4



See
App Activity
& Limits



Tip: Use these tools to start positive conversations,
set healthy boundaries and build good digital habits together.



STOP

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THINK

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TALK



Working Together

WORKING TOGETHER



SCHOOL CAN:



Teach digital safety



Monitor school devices



Support pupils



Investigate concerns



PARENTS CAN:



Talk regularly about online life



Set expectations



Model positive behaviour



Keep communication open



Together we can help children develop positive lifelong digital habits.



STOP

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THINK

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TALK



Support can be found @



[maestegschool.co.uk/
esafety/](https://maestegschool.co.uk/esafety/)



School guidance,
advice and support
for e-safety and
online wellbeing.



[hwb.gov.wales/
keeping-safe-online](https://hwb.gov.wales/keeping-safe-online)



Trusted advice and
resources from Hwb
to help keep children
safe online.



We're all in this together – *let's keep our learners safe online.*



What Maesteg School is all about

"agents of change" Focus on learning but also your child as an individual

A Disposition Curriculum



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What Maesteg School is all about

Your child will develop their own learning to become more competent in each disposition:

- Through their learning in the Areas of Learning and Experience (AoLEs)
 - Expressive Arts
 - Health and Wellbeing
 - Humanities
 - Language, Literacy and Communication
 - Maths and Numeracy
 - Science and Technology
- Their lessons in 'Learner Effectiveness'
- The reading of a Form Time Book

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Completing your HOMEWORK

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- Homework is an essential part of developing and improving your independent learning skills.
- Although you learn whilst you are in school, real learning takes place when you re-learn it on your own or at home.
- All students at Maesteg School will have homework from a range of subjects.
- It will be very important that you organise your time to make sure that you complete all homework to the best of your ability and meet the deadlines set. It is very important that you record every piece of homework including the date it was set; what you have to do; the date it has to be handed in to your teacher.
- If you have any difficulty with the homework, make sure you speak to your teacher about it BEFORE the deadline not after it.
- You can also stay in school from 3:00-4:00 to do your homework in the school library where you will have access to printers, photocopiers, and support from staff.



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 transition@maestegschool.co.uk



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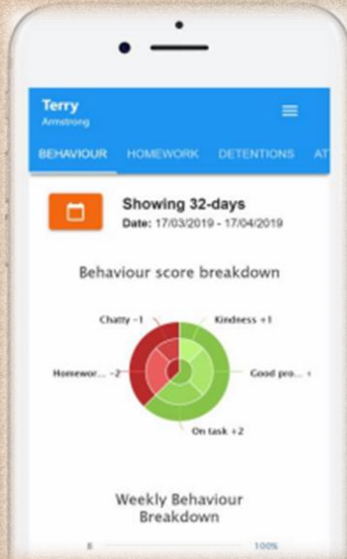


Keeping you informed...

At Maesteg School, we have introduced **Class Charts** to promote a positive learning environment and enhance communication between school, our students, and families.

Class Charts is a school management platform that you can download as an app or access via a desktop browser. It allows our teachers to efficiently recognise, reward and respond to classroom behaviour, monitor student progress, and engage with parents/carers.

Your child can achieve a minimum of 15 positive points every day for displaying our 'Motivated to Strive' non-negotiables.



Students benefit from Class Charts by being able to view their own progress, track rewards or detentions, and stay informed through school announcements. Positive points accrued can be exchanged for exciting prizes!

As parents/carers, you will receive real-time updates on your child's behaviour and attendance, fostering strong home-school partnerships. The platform also allows for easy communication between parents and teachers, ensuring everyone remains informed and connected. You will receive your log-in details when your child starts with us in September.

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1) Correct uniform (+1)



2) On time to lesson (+1)



Parent's Handbook



You can read an online version of the Parents' Handbook on our website by using your phone to scan this QR code



Parents/carers with pupils in year 6, can find out more information about transition at Maesteg School by scanning this QR code

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Eligible for Free school meal or a uniform grant?

You MUST apply for this. Please ensure you check your eligibility on the BCBC website

1. Go to BCBC Website
2. Select **“Schools & Education”**
3. Grants for School Pupils
4. Choose **“Free School Meals”**. This will give all relevant information about who is entitled to FSM and how to apply.
5. Go to **“Related links”** on right hand side of page and choose **“Distinctive school clothing grant”** & **“School Essential Grant”**

If you are unsure if you are eligible please check with your Primary school as they will have this information for you.

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How to Contact Us

As we are finalising arrangements for September, we will contact you using the transition@maestegschool.co.uk email.

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PARENT PAY



Why do we use Parent Pay?

- Safety – Children are not carrying large amounts of cash to and around school.
- Convenience – Parents are able to make payments immediately.
- Efficiency – We are able to immediately see all payments made.
- Security – Reduces cash held on school premises.



What will be on Parent Pay?

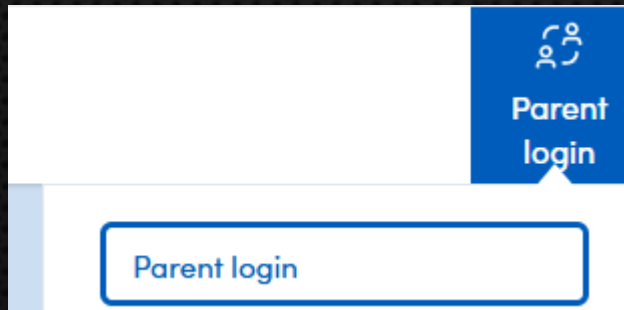
- Dinner Money
- School Trips
- Charity Contributions
- Equipment Repairs



How to use Parent Pay ?

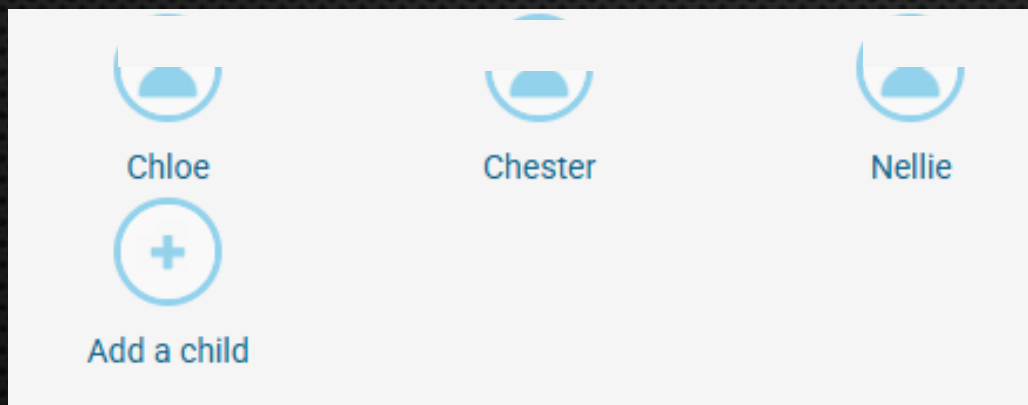
For The First time

- We will post out a username and password during the first week of school. Until you receive this you can send your child with cash to add to the revaluation machines in the Atrium.
- Once your username and password arrive, go to www.parentpay.com and click Parent Login, then use your username and password to log in.



Once you have logged in, you will be prompted to change your username and password to your own personal details. Once you have done this, the school will not be able to help you log in again.

You can add multiple children to your account by clicking add child and then you can manage them in one place.

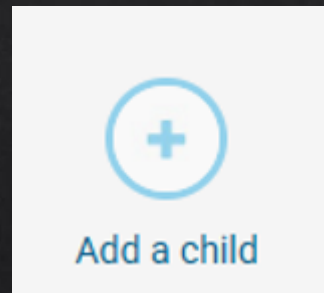


Already Have a Parent pay Account

Sign in using your existing details.

Continue to Add Child Function

Now use the school login provided to add child to your existing account.



Active Payment items



This is where you will see any unpaid items or items you have in a payment plan.

New!

Chloe - Duke of Edinburgh Fundraising Calendar

£10.00

View

Payment due: 01 Dec 24

Chloe - Lunch Payments for Maesteg School

£31.94

View

Balance: -£31.94



View taken meals and menus

This is where you will be able to check your child's eating activity for the week.

Lunchtime meal activity			
Date	Taken	Details	Amount
20 Jun 25	✗	Lunch	
19 Jun 25	✗	Lunch	
18 Jun 25	✗	Lunch	
17 Jun 25	✓	Lunch	
16 Jun 25	✓	Lunch	
View taken meals and menus			

You will also be able to check exactly what they have eaten for those meals.

Tue 17 Jun
✓
Lunch time
✓ Staff Coffee
✓ Extra Topping
✓ Filled Sub
✓ Crisps / Snacks



Thank

You

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