Westhoughton
HIGH SCHOOL

You Said	We Did
There are issues with synergy set up for new year 7 parents	There have been some technical issues at the start of this year that should now be resolved.
There are some issues with friendship grouping in Year 7. Students have selected forms with friends but then are not with those friends in lessons.	We are reviewing the way that sets are organised. There will be a change to groups following GL assessments during the Autumn term. Next year we will consider teaching students as form groups until GL assessments are completed.
Is there a limit on daily spend at lunchtime? Can parents limit what that spend is for an individual?	The limit is £6 per day. We have publicised via the school website and synergy how parents can control individual spends.
What is the date / format for the Year 9 options evening?	Year 9 Parents Evening and Options Information will take place on Thursday 1st February 2024 (3.45pm - 7.15pm). Parents will be able to make appointments with all core subject teachers and their Ebacc subject teachers if their child is interested in taking the subject in year 10 onwards (Geography, History, Computer Science, Languages). An Option Marketplace will be available manned by subject specialists who can be visited without appointments during the course of the evening so that you can talk to them about the subjects in more detail. We will also have Post 16 Providers present alongside our Careers Adviser so that you are able to discuss potential courses with them and any specific entry requirements.
Why have you gone for smaller planners? They fall out of pockets!	Smaller planners are designed for blazer pockets and cover uniform cards, passes etc also. They are designed so that learners have them with them at all times.
Could parents have log ins for century tech etc? Some log ins are not set up yet.	Century Tech, School Synergy and Seneca Learning are all 3rd party learning platforms that students at Westhoughton High School can use and will be directed to for home learning throughout their time here at WHS. Students can access these 3 platforms using their school Microsoft Accounts, this makes it easier to use and less passwords to remember. All students must have a secure password that will be set in computing lessons, this activates the Microsoft sync to the 3rd party software's mentioned above and allows the utilisation of Single sign on using Microsoft 365. All Year 7 students were issued a temporary password at the start of the year which needs to be reset in one of the Computer Suites before it will sync with the above mentioned platforms, if your child hasn't been into computing because of GL Assessments then the accounts will still be dormant until their next Computing Lesson.
Why is my child's home learning flagged as overdue when they have handed it in?	Until the member of staff updates the status of the home learning to yes, no or absent, it will flag as overdue. Teaching staff may do this during or after the lesson.

Will the home learning be random or linked to class learning?	More often than not, home learning will be linked to the programme of study. There will be times when the home learning does not directly link. MFL examples where the home learning is not linked to the POS include: during languages week, a language challenge will be set and at times a cultural article will be set to engage students with reading for pleasure and to gain cultural knowledge of the target language country.
Will my child's home learning task be considered incomplete if they miss some questions?	Students should aim to complete as many parts of the task as possible. If they have tried their best, teachers will treat the home learning ads submitted.
Can resources shared via synergy be turned into a PDF format as not all parents have PPT etc?	Noted. We will work with staff to PDF resources before sharing.