



Our Ref: DWt/LPu

28th June 2022

Dear September Year 7 Woodlands starter,

It gives me great pleasure to once again welcome you to our school. I hope that you enjoyed your two Taster Days with us and that you are very much looking forward to joining us on our journey. Throughout the year I will be setting you some challenges to keep your brain active and ensure that you keep pushing yourself.

We are all very excited that you have chosen to be part of the next chapter at Woodlands School and we know that you will work hard to embody our ethos of Aspiration, Resilience, Opportunity and Excellence.

Give them all a go; you may very well surprise yourself.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What if I can't complete them all?

You should aim to do as many as possible; you do not have to do them all.

When do I hand in my list?

The date for return is printed on the list, but they can be handed in at any time to form tutors.

Is there a prize?

The experience is the prize! There is no specific prize; however, those who complete the challenges well are more likely to be chosen for opportunities and experiences later on. All candidates for prefects and head boy and head girl will be asked to comment on what they did for the challenges in their interviews.

Best wishes,

Mr Wright
Head Teacher



Mr Wright's Head Teacher Challenge 1

Name: _____

Tutor Group: _____

How many of the following can you complete by the first week back in September?

1. Learn to say hello in at least 7 languages.
2. Teach a younger child how to play a game, and then play it with them.
3. Know what our AROE ethos stands for and what each means.
4. Run 2km, time it. Spend a week training. Run 2km again and try to beat your time.
5. Research why Basildon was created. When did this happen?
6. Name the Woodlands Houses. What do they all have in common?
7. Learn a poem off by heart.
8. Design and carry out a 10-minute work-out plan.
9. Take a photograph of yourself doing something you have never done before.
10. Take a picture of a landscape close to your home. Now draw/paint it.
11. Can you name all of the Russell Group Universities? What does it mean to be a Russell Group University?
12. Write 50 words about yourself.
13. Telephone a relative and read them your 50 words.
14. Who are the big three political parties in England? Which one appeals most to you and your beliefs?
15. Give some money to a charity.
16. Go out and pick up 50 pieces of litter.
17. Try a new food you have never experienced before.
18. What does Cultural Capital mean? Do you know who our Assistant Head Teacher for Cultural Capital is?
19. Come up with a general knowledge quiz of 10 questions. Research the answers. Do the quiz with your family. See who wins.
20. Come up with a money saving technique/idea.
21. Look up a recipe, buy the ingredients, prepare and cook a meal for your family.
22. Learn all of your times tables – what's 6×7 ? $81 \div 9 =$
23. Learn to count to 10 in Mandarin.
24. Grow a plant from seed; take a photo every week until the plant flowers.

Send this form by post to me at Woodlands School. Buy the stamp and envelope, walk to the post box and post it yourself.

DO NOT SEND THE EVIDENCE YET. BRING IT WITH YOU TO GIVE TO YOUR FORM TEACHER IN SEPTEMBER.

This is a true and accurate record of my achievements.

Signed: _____ (Signature of pupil)

Verified by: _____ (Signature of Parent/Carer*)