



CHAILEY SCHOOL

A Specialist Language and Humanities College

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Key MA (Ed)

17th June 2021

Dear Year 6 Chailey Families,

Changes to Transition Arrangements 2021

We hope you are all well and not too affected by the delay in the easing of COVID restrictions. We are really looking forward to meeting and getting to know you and supporting your child over the next five years. However, we have had to make some changes to transition to ensure we don't compromise current Government guidance on restrictions in schools. Having face-to-face transition events would compromise safety and that is the last thing we want to do and so these are now connected. We are adapting and changing our transition events as follows:

1. Transition Parents'/Carers Evening ('New Parents Evening')
This will still take place on Tuesday 13th July at 6pm, but it will now be a virtual meeting. We will place the event on our Admissions tab of the website on the afternoon of 13th July and we ask that you all watch this.
2. Get to Know Our Subject Areas
Monday 12th July we will have videos on our website introducing you to our subject areas.
3. What Life is Like at Chailey School
From Monday 12th July we will have videos on our website from current students and Year 11 who have just left. They will tell you about life at Chailey School and give you some tips.
4. Introduction to Your Child's Tutor and Getting You the Information You Need About the School
Later in the term we will write to you with further information about your child's tutor and with information about the school, including permissions and documents to sign.
5. Summer School
We have 178 current Year 6 & 7 students coming to summer school and students will get the opportunity to meet staff and get to know the school building.
6. Beginning of Term 2021-2022
We have two Inset Days on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd September. As transition has been so affected, on Friday 3rd September we will only have Year 7 and Year 11 in school. This will allow us to have a whole day of induction activities for Year 7 and for them to get to know our school, key staff and the school student peer mentors, without the other students being around.





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7. Year 7 Tutor Evening

We really hope all restrictions will be lifted by the Autumn. You will have an opportunity to meet your child's tutor virtually/in person during our 'Meet the Tutor' Evening at the beginning of term. The date of this will be communicated nearer the time.

Finally, thank you all again for placing your trust in Chailey School. Our Transition Manager, Ms Hickman, will have been to all schools to discuss all of your children. You can also get in touch with her by emailing jhickman@chaileyschool.org

We have many years of transition success, adapted successfully to the COVID situation in 2020, and have recognized excellent reputation for our transition work. All will be well!

With very best wishes,

Helen Key
Head Teacher

