



CHAILEY SCHOOL

A Specialist Language and Humanities College
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Dear Future Year 7 Parents,

We hope you are enjoying receiving our weekly newsletter and it is starting to make you feel one of our family. Obviously, due to continued restrictions because of COVID, we aren't able to do all of the exciting things we try to do outside of the taught curriculum, but we do hope it gives you a flavour of our school.

Transition from primary to secondary school can appear daunting, but we do everything we can to make it all really positive so that students begin with us feeling happy and confident. This year we are also holding a week-long summer school from the 16th to 20th August. You will already know about this and we have been delighted with the number of you that have taken up the offer. We really hope to mix our incoming Year 7 students with our current Year 7 students so that they all get to know each other.

We also have an established programme of trained Year 10 students who act as Peer Mentors to each new Year 7 class and they will be there throughout Year 7 to help and support all our new students.

This year has been so different to anything we have experienced in education because of the pandemic. We are hopeful that we are able to operate our traditional transition days in July. The information below informs you about our Year 6 Transition Days. Please bear in mind that should COVID restrictions be extended into July, we will have to adjust our programme. If this happens we will let you know. For now, please plan for the following:

Year 6 Induction Days

In order to help students in the move from primary school to secondary school, we have organised two induction days:-

Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th July (9.00 am – 2.30 pm)

The first Induction Day is specifically designed to help students familiarise themselves with the demands and rituals of life at secondary school and also allows them time to meet new friends and their Form Tutors. The second day is full of subject activities.

The programme on both days starts at 9.00 and all students should be collected by 2.30 pm. (This is slightly earlier than normal but this is to avoid you and your children getting mixed up in a busy coach park at the end of the day). You are asked to use the main school entrance on arrival and your children will then be guided into the main hall for us to begin to get to know them and for them to get to know each other.

Students should come in their full current school uniform and bring a pencil case. As it may be a warm day, we would ask that you also send your child with a bottle of water in a plastic container as





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We do encourage our students to drink sufficient water during the day as necessary in order to keep themselves hydrated. As you probably know, access to water for school students is proven to be beneficial to students' ability to learn, not to mention their health. This is a year-round need, and it is important that our students drink sufficient water during the day. I must stress, however, that we limit this to water and not any other type of drink.

Please send your children with a packed lunch on Monday 12th July. On Tuesday, we will provide a free main meal. The options will be available for your child to choose on the Monday. If your child would rather bring a packed lunch on both days, then of course, they are free to do so.

At the end of the transition days we are also inviting you into school for New Parents Evening at 6pm on Tuesday 13th July with your child, so that you can hear about transition, collect valuable information and meet your child's new tutor.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about transition, please do not hesitate to contact us. I look forward to welcoming your children here in July.

Very best wishes,

Helen Key
Head Teacher

