



# Fulford School

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Dear Parents and Carers.

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I am writing to you to keep you updated with the current planned events linked to Year 6 into Year 7 Transition.

## **Year 6 Taster Day 7/7/21**

As it stands, we plan to hold a 'Year 7 Taster Day' on the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021. This event is being planned to allow all of the students joining us in Year 7 next year to experience school life at Fulford School. The current plan is for students to spend the full day at Fulford school; a day which would include opportunities to experience lessons, travel on any necessary school transport and meet key staff (including their form tutor). This plan may have to change and is reliant upon the necessary approval and guidance from Public Health England and the Department for Education. We will send further details regarding the proposed taster day as soon as we are able to confirm them.

## **Year 6 Parent Information Evening 7/7/21**

In previous years we have held a parent information evening where Year 6 families visited school. This event provided an important opportunity to share information and for families to meet key staff. We are hoping that we will be able to host a similar evening this year, despite the current situation. Again, we are working with Public Health England to establish the possibilities of this being able to take place. We are very keen to start building the important relationship with our parents; if we are unable to host an 'in person' event we will host a series of virtual parent information evenings via Zoom. We will confirm further details in the near future regarding the format of this evening, the date of the 7<sup>th</sup> July is confirmed for this event.

## **Year 7 Tutor Groups**

Despite the current challenges, we feel like we are really getting to know the students joining us in September. We've spoken to all of our feeder primary schools and the information we've received from yourselves through the tasks and information gathering forms has been superb.

We are working hard to create a well-balanced set of mixed Year 7 Tutor groups. Students at Fulford School see their form tutor every day; this makes the form tutor an integral part of school life. You will receive the details of which tutor group your child is in and who their form tutor is in the coming weeks. We are looking to create opportunities for students to connect with their form tutor before September.

Please can I encourage you and your child to visit the Year 6 Transition area of our website: <https://fulford.york.sch.uk/y6-transition-2021/> This is a resource for parents and students which contains videos about the school and other key information. These videos have been created to try and reduce any anxiety and build confidence about the prospect of joining Fulford School.

As part of the preparation for secondary school life we're asking students to complete some weekly tasks which are based on ideas that originate from a book written by Matthew Syed called 'You Are Awesome'. This is a fantastic book, the ideas within which, align with the personal characteristics we are constantly looking to develop within our students. We hope that the process of completing these optional tasks will help prepare your son / daughter for some of the challenges they may face as part of the transition to secondary school.

The weekly tasks can be found in the materials to support transition section [here](#). Please encourage your son or daughter to complete these tasks where possible. We'd love to receive the completed tasks; these can be returned via email to our [year6transition@fulford.york.sch.uk](mailto:year6transition@fulford.york.sch.uk) email address.

### **Pastoral Support**

At Fulford School we have a specialist team of pastoral support staff who work with students across all years, to ensure that students flourish during their time with us. If you feel that your son or daughter would benefit from some additional support, or that there is information about your child you'd like to share with us, please do not hesitate to contact us. We want to make sure that the transition to secondary school is as smooth as it can possibly be. We recognise that, for some students this may mean some additional support around the process.

Please continue to contact us on [year6transition@fulford.york.sch.uk](mailto:year6transition@fulford.york.sch.uk) if you have any questions or require any further information.

Yours sincerely

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