



# 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 and Information Evening (5/7/23)**

We will be holding a 'Year 7 Taster Day' on 5<sup>th</sup> July. This event is being planned to allow all of the students joining us in Year 7 next year to experience life at Fulford School. The day will provide an opportunity for students to spend the full day at Fulford school; a day which will include opportunities to experience lessons, travel on any necessary school transport and meet key staff (including their form tutor).

In the evening of the transition day we will be inviting families back to school. This event will provide an important opportunity to share information with families, have a look around school and to meet key staff.

## **Primary School Visits**

In the three weeks after half term we will be visiting all of our main feeder primary schools. This will give children the chance to meet key staff. We will also be accompanied by students who have joined us last year from the different primary schools. They will talk to students about life at Fulford, give tips about settling in, and answer any questions that students may have.

## **Year 7 Tutor Groups**

We already feel like we are really getting to know our new students joining us in September. We've spoken with all of our feeder primary schools about each child on an individual basis. Together with the information that we've received from yourselves, a rich tapestry of our new students' talents, personalities and skills is becoming most evident!

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. As I mention above, students and parents will have the opportunity to meet tutors and connect with them prior to September.

We are still to confirm some key appointments to our year 7 pastoral team. As such, the year 6 transition area of our website is not as yet finalised (this will happen shortly after the half term break). There is, however, lots of useful information - please can I encourage you and

your child to visit and this will help familiarise yourself with life at Fulford: <https://fulford.york.sch.uk/y6-transition-2022/>. 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 a new 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.

These tasks will be released on a weekly basis starting after half term. They will 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 will 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. In like manner, we will keep in touch to ensure that you are kept updated with the transition process.

We look forward to working with you through the coming years!

Yours faithfully,



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