

# **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 (3/7/24)

We will be holding a 'Year 7 Taster Day' on 3<sup>rd</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. This 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**

We are currently liaising with primary schools to arrange visits to all of our main feeder primary schools over the next 4 weeks. This will give children the chance to meet key staff. We will also be accompanied by students who joined us last year from their individual primary school. They will talk to students about life at Fulford, give tips about settling in, and answer any questions that students may have. Our year 7s have also been writing welcome letters for us to take along and distribute!

#### **Year 7 Tutor Groups**

We already feel like we are really getting to know our new students joining us in September. We're speaking with all of our primary schools about each child. 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 so they are an integral part of school life. You will receive details as to which tutor group your child is placed in and who their form tutor is in the week prior to their transition visit.

#### **Mobile Phones**

As a school we have decided that mobile phones will not be used in class throughout the course of KS3. Whilst children are permitted to bring phones to school, these must not be used, seen or heard during school time. I am providing this information as I know some families will be considering buying a mobile phone for children at this time. I would like to reassure you that a smartphone is not required in terms of joining Fulford.

# **School Uniform**

We would like our students to take a pride in all that they do, including representing Fulford School through wearing their uniform. I have attached a flyer from our uniform providers. On transition day students will be wearing uniform from their primary school. However, we are providing this information in a timely fashion for your convenience. Here is a <u>link</u> to further information about our school uniform.

### **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 ensure that the transition to secondary school is both smooth and positive. We recognise that, for some students this may mean some additional support around the process.

Please continue to contact us on <a href="mailto:year6transition@fulford.york.sch.uk">year6transition@fulford.york.sch.uk</a> 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,

Stephen Bailey
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