

Transition support

The below table outlines key aspects of our transition offering which take place once the students start with us. This shows the universal provision available to all Year 7 students/parents from September. These working practices and interventions really help students settle into positive patterns required in a secondary setting.

Action Point	Impact
Staggered start for year groups in September	New Year 7's will have at least one full day where there will only be one other year group in school (usually the new Year 12) giving them the space/time they need on their first day.
Maps	These are handed out to all new students so they can familiarise themselves with the school/department areas.
Extended tutor time for first few days	This enables key routines and expectations to become embedded with the new Year 7 cohort.
Early leave from lessons for the first two weeks	Allowing easier movement, and time to get used to how the dining hall and social time works.
Regular pastoral support	Dedicated staff who offer frequent support to the year group on both pastoral and academic matters.
Social time pastoral drop ins	Opportunities at break and lunchtime for students to speak with staff if they need support or have any questions.
Regular tutor time	Tutor time takes place at the start and end of each day. Students' tutor will be a key member of staff who will support them as they settle into life at secondary school.
Lesson drop ins	Pastoral staff and members of the SEND team regularly drop into lessons looking to see how students are settling in and addressing any problems that may arise.
Contact with Year 6 staff (support network established and used)	Where necessary, we will contact Year 6 staff to gain insight and guidance on any student who is struggling with the transition process.
Meet the tutor event	Yr7 parents are invited into school to meet their child's tutor during the first half term in Yr7. This helps build relationships and gives parents/carers the opportunity to raise any questions they may have.
Additional visits	Students who the primary school indicate would benefit from additional visits are offered the chance to come up to school for extra tours, these normally run during the summer term for Yr6 students.
Summer School <i>(late August -dates TBC)</i>	Students can sign up to summer school, they will experience a variety of activities over three days, getting to know staff and importantly the school site, whilst making new friends ahead of their formal September start.