

Dear Parents and Carers

22nd May 2018

Joining Wootton Upper School in September 2018

I am writing to you again to outline the events taking place in the next half term as you and your child prepared to transition to Wootton Upper School.

This week, my staff are meeting with staff from your child's school and the information shared is being used to plan for a successful start here. Thank you for all the information parents and carers have shared with us; effective communication is so important for us to work together.

❖ **Tuesday 10th July, 5.00 - 7.00 p.m. and Wednesday 11th July, 5.00 - 7.00 p.m.**

This is an opportunity for you to meet with a member of the Senior Team or the Pastoral, SEND or Safeguarding Team. **This is optional. If you wish to come in and meet with a member of staff, please confirm by email: y9transition@wootton.beds.sch.uk to enable us to plan for expected numbers.**

Please note, we may contact some families to join us on these dates. This is nothing to worry about, and will be simply to ensure we are supporting your child and their learning appropriately.

❖ **Monday 16th July, Tuesday 17th July and Wednesday 18th July from 8.35 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.**

These are transition days at Wootton Upper School.

- 1) All Year 8 pupils should be in Wootton Upper School uniform and should bring pens and pencils.
- 2) The bus companies are expecting extra pupils on these days. You can find out more about our school bus routes on our website: www.woottonupper.co.uk → Key Documents → New Intake → Bus Timetables
- 3) Pupils may bring a packed lunch or buy food in our canteen. A standard lunch is £2.35 and on these three days, cash may be used. Drinks and snacks are also available. Most of our pupils bring bottles of water and fill them up at the water stations.
- 4) On arrival, pupils will be directed by staff and student leaders. All the new Year 9 will congregate on the playground at the back of the school. By then they will be told their form group and their fire number. They will line up by their fire number displayed on the playground.

All pupils will experience a mix of lessons and form time. They will have their photograph taken and will prepare for using fingerprint ID. They will not need a P.E. kit.

Year 9 Options

Thank you for returning you child's options form. We are processing these at the moment. We are currently seeking to appoint one or two new teachers to maximize the preferences we are able to accommodate.

Forthcoming Events

I am including a list of events you may wish to attend next half-term:

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| ❖ Art, Photography and Textiles Exhibition | - Thursday 21st June, 7.00 p.m. |
| ❖ Fiddle Fiesta | - Wednesday 27th June, 6.30 p.m. |
| ❖ Summer Concert at Kimberley College. | - Thursday 5th July, 7.00 p.m. |
| Our biannual joint concert with our partner school from Germany (a specialist Music School) | |

I hope this answers many of your questions. Do use the email: y9transition@wootton.beds.sch.uk if there are any further areas we can help you with.

Finally, I do encourage you to visit our website to read my weekly letters to parents and carers, as this will give you a flavour of our work and our achievements: www.woottonupper.co.uk → Parents → Principal's Newsletters

Yours sincerely,



Mr. M. Gleeson
Principal