



Horsforth School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Information about Your Child's Transition from Year 6 to Year 7

Welcome to Horsforth School. I am delighted that you have selected Horsforth School for your son/daughter and that they have now been offered a place to start September 2020.

This is an opportunity to give you further information about some of the events which will take place over the coming months to ease the transition process for your child.

Please note – as of Monday 23rd March, our school closed like every other school nationally. The information below is what would normally happen. If our school does not reopen by the dates mentioned below, please bear with us and we will do our best to update you should events have to be rescheduled. [Another good source of information is our website.](#)

Getting To Know Us Session

The next step for your child is to attend this session here at Horsforth School along with their Year 6 class teacher and peers. The sessions will be at the end of May. It is up to the individual primary schools to arrange transport for their students and the Year 6 teacher will stay with them. Students will meet me and Mrs Nowell, Deputy Head, when we will give them information about the lessons they will study, how to find their way around the school and our behaviour and classroom expectations. They will also be given the opportunity to ask some of our current Year 7s about life at Horsforth School in a Q and A session. Following this, students will have a short tour of the school and enjoy a free lunch in our diner. Further details, including specific dates and times will come via the primary schools nearer the time.

New Intake Evening

Your attendance at this evening on Tuesday 16 June is essential, as day to day procedures and policies will be outlined. This evening will give you the information you need to best support your child's transition to our school, including information about safeguarding, pastoral, SEND support and our curriculum model. You will be able to meet key staff, sample our food, meet our uniform suppliers and consult with Horsforth Children's Services about the support they can offer. We will also be offering additional information about how

to support your child with the changing world we live in. There will be the opportunity for you to ask questions. Please note, this evening is for parents and carers only due to space limitations.

Taster Day

Students will then be invited to a 'Taster Day' on Friday 3 July where they will meet and spend time with their new form group and tutor. They will also sample some typical lessons on this day and have a full tour of the school. Students may purchase lunch from the diner or bring their own. It is up to you to make arrangements for their travel to and from school on this day. Students must come in their primary school uniform. Students will be given a 'Getting to know us' booklet to complete in class and then at home. They will also be given a summer project to be completed before they start with us in September.

Summer Transition Camp

Horsforth Children's Services work with us and the primary schools to offer a Summer Camp where students complete activities with Horsforth School staff for 4 days. This gives students the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the school in order to reassure them before they join us. Further details about this camp will be given at the New Intake Evening or can be obtained from [Horsforth Children's Services](#).

Lots more is planned for the Autumn term but we will tell you about that nearer the time, for now our aim is to answer some of your initial questions about the coming months. We hope we have managed to do this. Please remember that you will receive more information at our New Intake Evening; this is only an introduction.

Also attached to your email is a newsletter for your son/daughter which also outlines the events that will be happening for them over the coming months. We will explain these events further at the 'Getting To Know Us' sessions but for now it will give them some idea of what to expect.

Useful Pages on our Website

Take a look at some key pages on our website, we hope they will help you get to know our school a little better between now and September:

[Year 6 into Year 7 FAQs](#)

[General School FAQs](#)

Your Child's Details are required

Please could we ask that you [fill in the form called 'New Year 7 Student Details Form' on this webpage](#) and return it to: newintake@horsforthschool.org

Mandarin Excellence Programme

We are delighted to be able to offer this opportunity. You should have gained a flavour of this programme from our video online, but also attached to your email is a more detailed letter explaining how to indicate your interest. [Please do this by 3 April using this link.](#)

We look forward to working with you.

Miss K McFadden
Pastoral Leader Year 7