

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

# New Year 7 Parents/Carers - Dates for your Diary and further information

Further to our initial Welcome Letter which was sent on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022, I would like to provide you with more information on the transition process and make you aware of some important upcoming dates.

Beginning at the start of June, Ms Milland, Head of Year 7 Transition, will be speaking with all Year 6 teachers and visiting as many feeder schools as possible. In addition there are also a number of important events to be aware of:

# Saturday 18th June 2022: Cognitive Ability Assessments (CATs)

All pupils complete CATs before starting at Beechen Cliff. Information from these assessments, along with information from primary schools and SAT results, helps us to build an academic profile for each pupil to enable us to teach them most effectively from the start of Year 7. The tests are completed on computers and involve multiple choice questions. There is no need to revise for these tests as they are not based on prior learning and many pupils quite enjoy completing them. More information is available on the attached sheet. Pupils should report to the Main Reception at Beechen Cliff at 8.30am, finishing at 12pm, (Surnames A-M) or at 1.00pm, finishing at 4.30pm (Surnames N-Z). They should wear their primary school uniform. The assessment will take around 3 hours, which includes time for a break in the middle with refreshments and play time.

### Monday 27th June 2022: New Parents Evening 6.00pm

An opportunity for pupils and parents to hear from the Headteacher, receive further information about the transition process and key dates for the start of Year 7, and to meet with Heads of House. Information on House allocations will be provided on the evening.

# Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022: Year 6 Induction Day & CATs Catch-up (for those that cannot attend 18 June)

This is an opportunity for pupils to visit the school, take part in taster lessons and become familiar with the school site. Pupils should wear their primary school uniform and bring a pair of trainers with them for a sports activity. They should report to the Main Reception by 9.00am. Collection will be at 3.00pm. The CATs catch-up slot will take place from 3.30pm - 6.15pm.

### Sunday 10th July 2022: Scholars Uniform Day for Beechen Cliff 10.00am-2.00pm

Bookings to be made through the Bath Shop on 01225 462206. Further information on uniform will be provided at the New Parents Evening and, in due course, on the school website.

# **Data Collection**

Thank you to those of you that have completed the Google Form that was sent to you in our Welcome Letter. If you haven't already, please can you complete the following Data Collection Form <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2wvrd2tj">https://tinyurl.com/2wvrd2tj</a>. This will ensure that you receive all information required as we send all communication electronically.

### Additional Information (including attendance to transition events)

In addition, please can we ask that you complete this second Google Form by typing this link <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2p94dkj9">https://tinyurl.com/2p94dkj9</a> into your browser to provide additional information we require. This includes your intention to attend the transition events and information on the Home School Agreement and ICT Acceptable Use Agreement. Furthermore, we are giving pupils the opportunity to name two friends that they would like to be in a tutor group with in Year 7. Whilst we cannot guarantee that they will be placed together we will endeavour to do our best.

I look forward to meeting you on these upcoming dates.

Yours sincerely,

T. D. Marball .

Mr T D Markall Headteacher Ms A Milland Head of Year 7 Transition

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