



BEECHEN CLIFF

Monday 5th June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Upcoming Dates

As we approach some of the New Year 7 transition events, here is some more information and a reminder about these dates:

- **Saturday 17 June 2023:** Cognitive Ability Assessments (CATs) and New Group Reading Tests (NGRT)
- **Monday 26 June 2023:** New Parent's Evening 6.00pm
- **Thursday 6 July 2023:** Year 6 Induction Day and CATs Catch-up (for those that cannot attend 17 June)
- **Sunday 9 July 2023:** Scholar's Uniform Day (10.00am-2.00pm)

We would appreciate your support in completing the Google Form with the link below to confirm your son's attendance to the events referred to above and to provide details regarding Tutor group allocations.

<https://forms.gle/2zVnzwCOFiBJZeRW7>

Cognitive Ability Assessments (CATs) and New Group Reading Tests (NGRT)

Pupils are invited to participate in a morning or afternoon testing session. Please note that no preparation is required for these tests. Tests are taken on computers and all instructions are read aloud in addition to being written on the screen. As such, pupils who may have accessed a reader in their SATs will not require this for these tests. These are timed tests and as such extra time is not given. The form above allows you to note any needs your child may have. More information about the CATs can be found [here](#). A short break is given during the CATs with refreshments provided. We ask you to note any dietary requirements on the form above.

New Parent's Evening Monday 26 June 2023

Please can we ask that everybody attending the New Parents Evening parks on the Lower Field. You can access the Lower Field via Greenway Lane. The evening will begin at 6pm in the Sports Hall. Information booklets about Year 7 transition will be provided at this event and will be made available on the website in due course. The PTA will also be running a second hand uniform sale during the evening.

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Pastoral System

From September we are making some changes to our pastoral care system.

We will be moving from a structure solely based around the House System to one where we have both a year-based pastoral system and a cross-year House system running concurrently.

We will have five Heads of Year who will be responsible for the pastoral care, wellbeing, safety and behaviour of pupils in their year group. The Head of Year 7 will be Ms Milland, who is in charge of Year 7 transition and is also visiting pupils in their primary schools as part of the transition process.

In addition, we will retain four Houses (Byron, Kipling, Milton and Shakespeare) with Heads of House who are responsible for their House community and personal development opportunities for pupils. This will include inter-house competitions, House councils, community projects and charity fundraising. Where pupils have older siblings at Beechen Cliff, we will endeavour to place them in the same House as them.

Further details, including House allocations, will be provided at the New Parents Evening on 26th June.

Year 7 Transition Webpage

Further information on Year 7 transition and all correspondence sent out already to parents and carers can be found here on our Year 7 Transition Webpage -

<https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/new-year-7-transition/>.

Yours sincerely

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