

1st May 2024

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to our initial Welcome Letter which was sent on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 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 15th June 2024: Cognitive Ability Assessments (CATs) and Reading Assessments

All pupils complete CATs and NGRT Reading Assessments 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-L) or at 1.00pm, finishing at 4.30pm (Surnames M-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 a treasure hunt round the school, refreshments and play time.

### Monday 24th June 2024: 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 members of the Senior Leadership Team and the Pastoral Team.

# Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024: Year 6 Induction Day & CATs Catch-up (for those that cannot attend on 15<sup>th</sup> 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

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pair of trainers with them for a sports activity. They should report to the Main Reception for a 9.00am start. Collection will be at 3.00pm. The CATs catch-up slot will take place from 3.30pm - 6.15pm.

### Sunday 7th July 2024: Scholars Uniform Day for Beechen Cliff 10.00am-2.00pm

Bookings to be made through the Scholars 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.

#### Admissions+

You should have now received an email with access information for your Admissions+ account. We appreciate your support in logging into your account and completing the transition forms at your earliest convenience.

If you have not already accepted the offer of a school place at Beechen Cliff School for your son, please do respond to the offer directly to your Local Authority. If you require any further assistance please contact Millie Garland, Admissions Administrator directly via <a href="mailto:mgarland@beechencliff.org.uk">mgarland@beechencliff.org.uk</a>.

We look forward to meeting you on these upcoming dates.

Yours sincerely,

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