

22 April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Transition to Stocksbridge High School

We are preparing in readiness for your child to join us in September. The transition process is now well underway, with us contacting your child's primary school to gather as much information as possible which will allow us to make key decisions for your child's start in Year 7, such as form groups, learning pathways and their current achievement and future potential. Our SEND and Safeguarding Teams will also be meeting with primary school colleagues to ensure any additional needs are understood and supported. We are committed to being an inclusive community school, where the needs of each individual child are put at the forefront of what we do.

Welcome Booklet

Within this pack you will receive a welcome booklet which contains key details about our school and expectations. In addition, please have a look around our website where you will find all the relevant information under the Parents Section.

Data Collection

As part of our commitment to ensuring a seamless transition from Year 6 to Year 7, we are pleased to inform you that our school are starting to use a web-based program called **Admissions+** by **Applicaa**. Admissions+ streamlines the enrolment process by allowing us to import student records in advance and seamlessly integrate our new students. By using this system, we can efficiently and securely collect essential student data from you, ensuring accurate and timely processing. By the end of April, you receive an email from **Applicaa** inviting you to sign up for Admissions+. **Please monitor your mailbox (and junk) for this important communication.** This will be sent to the email address you used when applying for a place at Stocksbridge High School. The deadline for completing the online form is **Monday 20 May 2024**. We will be holding a parent drop-in session to assist with completing the online form, in one of our computer suites on **Tuesday 7 May from 3pm until 6pm**.

Summer Camp – Monday 29 July to Friday 2 August 2024

Following a successful Summer Camp over the past couple of years, we also have 60 places available at this year's camp. Working in partnership with Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre, this will be an exciting opportunity to make new friends. Two separate letters confirming details are included in this mailing – if you would like to apply for a place, please complete the relevant letter which applies to you regarding free school meals.

Transition

We will be offering our new Year 7 cohort a full transition week, from **Monday 24 June to Friday 28 June 2024 – arriving at 9am, to start at 9.15am and finish at 2.50pm**. All children are to attend every day, apart from a small number from High Green Primary as we are aware that this clashes with their residential trip.

For those students travelling from the High Green/Chapeltown area, we will arrange a separate coach for the incoming journey to ensure that they can attend. They will travel back with the rest of the Stocksbridge High School students in the afternoon. More details regarding this will follow in due course.

We already have exciting plans for this transition week, and it will provide a great opportunity for your child to meet their new friends and staff, as well as finding out about how the school works and the lessons they will attend.

Please join us on **Wednesday 26 June 2024 from 4pm until 6.30pm for our Uniform Evening** where you will be able to purchase uniform for your child. They will also be able to try on sizes before ordering on-line.



We understand that at this time, children and parents/carers will discuss and think about which friends' students may be placed with. This may cause some anxiety, so we have worked alongside primary schools to eradicate this as much as possible. We would also like to raise the opportunity for you to comment on the suitability of students working and learning together. There is a relevant section for you to complete under Step 3 on Admissions+, to pass on any relevant information you wish us to consider. This section is also an opportunity for you to make us aware of any family situations. This will then be cross-referenced with the information we receive from your child's primary school as we put groups together. Please understand that these requests cannot always be met, however will be considered. Part of the experience of transition to secondary school is about making new friendships and we rarely have any problems with "settling in", including those who have not been placed with their closest friends.

The deadline for completing the data collection in Admissions+ is Monday 20 May 2024, which is the final week of this half term, as we then need to quickly formulate the groups and share them with our primary colleagues to look for any possible issues.

Please be assured that we will do everything to allay any anxiety and make the start of secondary school the enjoyable and exciting experience it should be.

In addition to this, it is important to understand that changes will not be made within the first term, unless absolutely necessary. We will then look to revise the forms, if needed, in the run up to the Christmas holidays, and enforce any changes after this point.

Parent/Carer Forum Dates for the Summer Term

We are hosting Parent/Carer Forums at Stocksbridge High School on the 7 May 2024 and 25 June 2024 from 9am until 10.30am. Please join us - we will send a flyer via the primary schools in due course.

Transition Questions

I am sure that you and your children will have many questions about this September and Transition Week. We will provide a lot of opportunities for these to be asked and answered over the coming weeks/months. If there is anything that hasn't been answered via our communications so far, or something that can't be asked by your child at Transition Week, then please email our enquiries e-mail enquiries@stocksbridge-mlt.co.uk

We are excited to welcome your child to a school we are extremely proud to serve, and we look forward to working with you to ensure their transition to secondary school is successful.

Yours faithfully

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