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Transition Week Letter

Dear parent / carer

I am delighted to be writing to you regarding our transition activities for our new Year 7 students joining us in September 2024.

Our Transition week will take place on Wednesday 10 July – Friday 12 July 2024. On these days, all Year 6 students that have been allocated a place at Hessle High School and Sixth Form College are invited to attend their new school.

During these three days, they will enjoy a wide range of activities, which will include:

- Tutor period – an opportunity to meet their new tutor and tutees
- Tour of the school
- Taster lessons in most subjects, including English, Maths, Science, ICT, History, Geography and Technology
- A PE lesson
- An assembly in the Main Hall with the Headteacher and Miss Pinkney, our Transition Coordinator
- CAT testing – a Cognitive Ability Test which will help us to determine the teaching group in which each student will be initially placed

This letter sets out a little more information about the week. Please take the time to read this, with your child, as well as following the eCards that we are sending out periodically and our X (formerly Twitter) account @HessleHigh

Bus transport to school

There will be capacity for our new Year 7 students to travel on one of our school buses (numbered H1, H2, H3, and H4) during transition week and we can provide a free bus pass if required. Please be aware, these passes can only be used on the school buses indicated. If you would like your child to receive a free bus pass for these days, please complete the form [here](#) by **3:00pm on Friday 28 June 2024**. To view bus route information and timetables, please click [here](#). If you have any concerns about your child's travel arrangements to Hessle High School on these dates, please contact us.

Start of the day

Children should arrive at school by 8:35am where they will be met by staff. If you wish to walk your child to school you may do so, leaving them at the gate. If you are driving, please either drop them off well away from the school gates or drive onto the site where there are temporary parking spaces to allow your child to get out safely. There will be plenty of staff available whichever route you take – please follow any instructions regarding road safety.

End of the day

The day will end at 2.45pm and parents who wish to pick their child up by car are asked to wait in the visitors car park, which will be signposted. Students will talk to you. This will prepare them for how they might be picked up in September.

Lunch

We ask that you provide your child with a packed lunch on each of the three days, which should include snacks for break and plenty of water. Water fountains are available for students to refill their bottles during the day.

If your child normally takes a **free school meal** please inform us [here](#) by **3:00pm on Friday 28 June 2024** and we will ensure that they are provided with a packed lunch prepared by our caterers ABM. Please also inform us of any dietary requirements/allergies on this form. Could you please ensure this information is submitted via the Arbor parent portal in order that we have full details. Our medical team may then contact you for further information.

Equipment

During the week, student will experience a range of lessons; however, they will not need a PE kit or any equipment on the first day. They will also be advised on which day they should bring a PE kit which can be whatever they would normally wear for PE at their primary school.

Headteachers Welcome

All parents are invited to the Headteacher's Welcome on Wednesday 10 July. This will take approximately 30 minutes and will be an opportunity to hear about the school values and how we support families and children throughout their time with us. After the presentation, there will be a chance to ask questions and to meet senior staff and Year 7 tutors.

To ensure as many people as possible can attend, we will run this presentation twice, at 3:45pm and 5:00pm. To assist with numbers, please indicate [here](#) by **3:00pm on Friday 28 June 2024**, which session you wish to attend. Please aim to arrive between 3:30pm – 3:40pm for the first session and 4:45pm – 4:55pm for the second session.

If you choose to attend the first session, your child will be able to wait in school until you arrive.

School Uniform

All items of our school uniform are available through Rawcliffe's, the school uniform specialist, on Paragon Street, Hull. The staff are extremely knowledgeable and very helpful, and a representative will be available at the Headteachers Welcome on 10 July for you to ask any questions. The store is open six days per week, including Saturday. I would strongly advise that you make an early visit to the store to ensure that all items are available to you in a suitable size to make sure your child has all the appropriate uniform on the first day back at school in September.

Where items are needed to be purchased in House colours, please note the items can be reserved in the correct size from now and once the House allocation is known. Rawcliffe's will be advised to ensure your order is complete with the correct House tie and PE kit.

Arbor Pay

Arbor Pay is the school's payment system which is designed to make payments for a wide range of school services compatible with the busy lives we all lead as parents. Full details have been sent to with a link headed "Getting Started to Arbor".

As a parent myself, I remember when my eldest child moved up to Secondary school and so I know that this is a very exciting time for your child and a significant moment in the lives of parents too! All the staff at Hessle High School and Sixth Form College are here to support you and your child in this transition and I very much look forward to meeting you on Wednesday 10 July.

In the meantime, if you have any questions for us, please contact us.

Kind regards.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'V Groak', written in a cursive style.

Mr V Groak
Headteacher