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Dear Parent

I am delighted to be writing to you to introduce our 2022 Transition Week. This will take place on Monday 11, Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 July. On these three days, all Year 6 pupils 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 Mrs Pinkney, Head of Year 7
- 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.

Bus transport to school

There will be capacity for Year 6 pupils to travel on one of our school buses (numbered H1, H2, H3 and H4) and we can provide pupils with a free bus pass for the week. If you would like your child to take this option, please request your bus pass [here](#) and see information on the buses, including routes and timetable [here](#)

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 where they will be met by staff. If you will be 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 - 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 in car are asked to wait in the visitors car park, which will be signposted. Pupils will then come 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 pupils to refill their bottles during the day.

If your child normally takes a **free school meal**, please inform us [here](#) and we will ensure that they are provided with one. Please also inform us of any dietary requirements / allergies.

Equipment

During the week, pupils will experience a range of lessons; however, they will not need a PE kit or any equipment on the first day. When they arrive, they will be provided with a clear plastic pencil case which will include all the equipment that they will need. They should then bring this to school each 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.

Headteacher Welcome

All parents are invited to the Headteacher's Welcome on Wednesday 13 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](#) which session you intend to attend and please aim to arrive between 3.30-3.40 for the first session, and 4.45-4.55 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 Rawcliffes, the school uniform specialist, on Paragon Street in Hull. The staff are extremely knowledgeable and very helpful and a representative from Rawcliffes will also be available at the Headteacher Welcome meeting on the 13 July. The store is open six days per week, including all day 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 for the first day back at school in September (Tuesday 6 September 2022).

Dining Hall

The school dining hall offers a light and airy space for children to sit and eat and chat with their friends at break and lunchtimes. Children who eat packed lunch are able to sit with their peers who are eating a catered lunch, providing a really sociable activity time.

Our high quality catering provision is undertaken by ABM Caterers; further information and sample menus can be accessed via www.thehessleacademy.co.uk The cafeteria service works on a cashless biometric finger image system and provides many benefits in terms of convenience, safety and security for our students. Your child can be identified at the till and payment for the meals is automatically deducted from your ParentPay account. You can view the meal choices your child has made. The Data Collection Form mentioned below captures your permission for the biometric system.

ParentPay

ParentPay is the school's online payment system, designed to make paying for a wide range of school services compatible with the busy lives we all lead as parents. You will receive an individual password for your child at the Headteacher Welcome event. This account must be activated and then will enable you to make and view Hessle High School payment items. If you are not able to attend on 13 July, we will post the activation details home to you.

Data Collection

In order to ensure that all persons with parental responsibility for your child are included in our communications, it is important that our records are kept up to date. We have sent you our Data Collection Forms by email and thank you to those parents who have already completed and returned the online form. If you have not yet had a chance to complete the form please do so without delay.

As a parent of a child that has recently moved up to Secondary school, I know that this is a very exciting time for your child and a significant moment in the lives of parents too! All of 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 13 July.

In the meantime, if you have any questions for us, please contact the school using the contact information detailed above.

Yours faithfully



Mr V Groak
Headteacher