



## Transition Update – 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you and your family are safe and well. My fingers are metaphorically cramping up from keeping them crossed that we do not receive a notification that my Year 6 daughter will have to isolate and miss out on her leaver's experience. I sincerely hope that your child can experience a fitting end to their primary education.

Which brings me on to talk about the first few days of their secondary education in September. Your child's first day will be Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September when only Year 7 and Year 12 will be in the building. They should arrive in their full uniform, and with their equipment for the day. Please use the summer months to practise how they will get to school- we strongly recommend that this is walking or cycling for some or part of the way.

Please aim for an arrival between 8.20am and 8.30 when there will be staff around to direct students to the canteen playground where they will be met by their form tutors. They will spend the morning with their tutors, having a tour of the building, learning their timetables, seeing which locker they have been allocated and having their fingerprint taken for our cashless payment system, if you have completed the online consent form for this, along with getting to know their tutor and fellow tutees, in person at last! You can find details on the timings of the school day on our website.

We are happy to say that we will be providing lunch for the day for the whole year group which will be a pasta dish where one of the options will be both gluten free and vegetarian. Your child is of course welcome to bring a packed lunch instead. No other items will be available from the canteen that day, and they should be bringing a water bottle for use during the day.

You may have seen details recently about the requirement for schools to conduct lateral flow tests for students in secondary school at the start of September. We are still awaiting some clarification from the Department for Education, but in anticipation, you will find at this [link](#) a form to give your consent for the conducting of these tests. Students will be conducting the tests themselves so I would recommend that you obtain some of the free testing kits and get them practising; that is our plan, although my daughter was not entirely enthusiastic about the idea. You may find this video from our Academy Matron a useful guide - [How to perform a lateral flow test - YouTube](#)

On Teams you will find some more videos and some summer tasks and assignments that are there to give your child the opportunity to bring their learning through from Year 6 into Year 7 and share some of their experiences with their new teachers and classmates. We will use as much of this as we can in lessons in September and there will be house points on offer as well.



If you signed up to summer school, can I remind you again to check you junk folder for any emails. All the copies of Wonder should now be with primary schools, there will be some read along materials in Teams that will hopefully add to the enjoyment of the shared experience.

If you need to contact the Academy over the summer, please email - [summerschool@thehazeleyacademy.com](mailto:summerschool@thehazeleyacademy.com).

Incase you haven't had chance to watch it yet, here is the link for [The Hazeley Academy Tour! - YouTube](#)

Wishing you and your family a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer.

Mr Whitney

Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Transition.