

Little Heath School

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Dear Parent/Carer

I have great pleasure in welcoming you and your child as new members of Little Heath School. Transition between primary and secondary school is an incredibly important time for families and we hope the parent and student handbooks attached will help to answer some of the questions that might arise in the days leading up to and during the beginning of the Autumn Term. All of this information can also be found on the Transition section of our website [Little Heath School - Transition to LHS](#)

Unfortunately our Transition Day clashes with Calcot's family day, which we absolutely do not want you and your children to miss, so we have created a special Transition Day for our Calcot students on Tuesday 5th July. We have prepared an exciting and fun packed day of activities focused upon the learning skills that form a key part of our Key Stage 3 curriculum. Students should wear their current school uniform, bring trainers in their bag and a packed lunch for the day. They need to bring a refillable water bottle and their pencil case including at least a pen, pencil, ruler and eraser. A notebook might be useful too! A sun hat and sun screen may be required if hot as some activities will take place outside. Equally if it is colder please bring a coat.

Please park off site and walk in to the front of the school from 9.00am for a 9.15am start. There is not much space to park so it really is just a drop off area. If you can walk, it might be easier. Please collect your son/daughter at 3.00pm from the same location. When you arrive to collect your son/daughter there will be signs telling you where the collection point is for each primary school. This makes it clearer for us when signing the students out. If you wish your son/daughter to walk home, please inform us in advance by emailing Mrs Baker on our transition email address transition@littleheath.org.uk

We will also be running a Meet the Tutor Evening for Year 7 Parents only (this is not an evening for children) on Wednesday 6th July. Here you will have the opportunity to meet me, along with Mr Ramsden, our Headteacher, Mr Bennett (Head of Year 7) and Mrs Rayner (Assistant Headteacher Key Stage 3). You will then go on a tour of the school with your son/daughter's new form tutor and a few of our KS3 student ambassadors, who will be very keen to show you around and answer any questions you might have. You will then spend some time with your son/daughter's form tutor who will run a question and answer session for you.

Due to the large numbers of parents we expect for this meeting, we will be running two separate sessions, one starting at 5pm and one at 6.30pm. You will be told in advance which one to attend, depending on your son/daughter's tutor group.

We would really like to offer you the opportunity to ask any questions you have, so we have created a specific transition email address for you and your children to pose any questions you may have and we will make sure that we answer them during the meeting. Please send any questions to transition@littleheath.org.uk

We are also working closely with primaries to ensure that our KS3 team can come into schools and meet with the students to reassure them and welcome them into the LHS family. In addition, we will run some virtual coffee mornings for you to ask any questions you might have. These proved to be really successful last year, so we thought we would continue them even after lockdown! They will be informal and optional on Tuesday 21st June at 9am or Tuesday 28th June at 9am or Thursday 14th July at 9am. Links for all of these can be found on our website and we will email them out the week before for ease.

For the past couple of years, we have asked parents and carers to complete a questionnaire about their children and this was such a valuable exercise that we have decided to do it again. A link to the online questionnaire can be found here: <https://forms.office.com/r/feDq7Mcr6r> We would welcome your responses as soon as possible please, they really do help with the creation of the tutor groups!

We are absolutely committed to working in partnership with you as parents/carers and for this reason, we ask every parent/carer to sign our Home/School Agreement as a sign of our joint commitment to support our children. The link for you to sign electronically will be sent out just prior to Transition Day and it is essential that this is signed prior to the start of term in September.

We are really looking forward to welcoming you all to the Little Heath family and would like to thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions about the above events please contact the Key Stage 3 Secretary, Mrs Baker, at mbaker@littleheath.org.uk or telephone 01189 439512.

There is no such thing as a silly question, we are here to make the transition to secondary school as smooth as possible!

Looking forward to meeting you all on Wednesday 6th July.

Warmly,



Kayley Button
Deputy Headteacher