July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

**Transition to Hanson School 2020 – September plans**

We hope that you and your family are keeping safe and well during these unprecedented times.

Although our normal transition programme has had to change this year, we have communicated with all our Primary schools to gather information about the students coming to us. We have been following government guidelines very closely and we can now plan for September and the first few days of your child’s time with us at Hanson.

Also, as part of this process we are regularly updating the school website which will give you detailed information for you and your child. Simply go to [www.hansonschool.org.uk](http://www.hansonschool.org.uk), and visit the ‘Parents, Year 6 Transition’ page.

Here, you will also find a range of Subject specific transition packs that your child can use over the Summer weeks. Each subject your child will study in Year 7 has provided reading lists, activities, useful websites and videos that can help prepare them for life at secondary school.

**Autumn term plans**

**Key dates:**

- **Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd September** – Transition visits – details below
- **Monday 7th September** – first full day (only Year 7 in school for 2.5 days) – spent in forms with full programme planned to help transition to secondary school
- **Friday 11th September** – individual professional photographs taken – parents will be able to purchase these
- **Week commencing 14th September** – form tutor phone calls to discuss start of term
- **Thursday 15th October** – Form tutor information sessions – appointments only – to discuss first few weeks in school – information will follow in September
- **Thursday 10th December, 4.30-7pm** – Year 7 Parents Evening – chance to meet all your child’s class teachers and discuss grades and progress

**Transition visits – Wednesday 2nd or Thursday 3rd September**

We are inviting ALL our new students to visit school before their first day the following week. They will meet other students, tour the school and meet members of staff from the Key Stage 3 team.

Due to restrictions on numbers we would also like to invite 1 adult/family member maximum to accompany your child during this visit. Children can visit school in non-uniform for this visit.

We require you/one adult and your child to visit school on the date and time below, depending on your child’s form, which can be seen on the form tutor letter attached. For example, if your child is in 7A, they need to attend on Wednesday 2nd September for the session between 4 and 5pm.

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We ask that you aim to arrive 10 minutes before your scheduled start time and follow the instructions outside main reception so we can direct the groups in to school in a safe and organised way.

First day of school – Monday 7th September
Year 7 will start school at 8.20am on Monday 7th September. They need to be in full school uniform and equipped to take part in a full range of classroom-based lessons. They will NOT need PE kit on the first day. They will remain in their forms and complete a selection of specially selected transition activities aimed to help them adjust to their new surroundings.

Year 7 will be the only students in the school for the first 2.5 days and they will remain in their forms for the majority of this time. They will also have the chance to become familiar with the building, meet key staff, receive their journals and timetables, all before the other year groups arrive and lessons begin on Wednesday afternoon.

Drop off arrangements
Please note, if you intend to bring your child to school by car, please arrive at either the ‘turning circle’ on the approach to GOAL’s car park or at the pathway entrance next to Grove House School car park. There is NO entrance for parents via Sutton Avenue if in a car. If arriving on foot, students may use the GOALs, Grove House or Sutton Avenue entrance.

Baseline Assessments
During the first week, we will also be carrying out a set of 3 baseline assessments on all students as they begin the new academic year. The results of these tests will inform our teachers of the ability, attitudes and attainment of your child meaning they can plan their lessons more effectively.

Please do not be concerned by these assessments and rest assured your child will be supported throughout the process. We are sure you can appreciate that, due to SATs being cancelled this year, we carry out these assessments to help support your child in the best way we can.

Key stage team and form tutor
Please see the attached letter from the Key Stage team and your child’s form tutor and we hope you find this helpful and informative.

We look forward to meeting you and your child in September. If you wish to discuss anything further, please contact the school through the details above.

Yours faithfully

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