

Year 6 to 7 Transition Programme

At Hanson we pride ourselves in providing our new students and parents a smooth and successful transition from Primary to Secondary school. This is a crucial time in any child's development and we aim to ensure they are as prepared as they can be when September arrives.

Outlined below are details of the many ways in which we hope to make your child's transition to Hanson as enjoyable and trouble free as possible.

Information Evening – March – after the initial allocations

An extra opportunity for parents and new students to visit Hanson once allocations have been confirmed. This will be in the form of a Mini Open Evening with presentations from the Headteacher, plus all departments will be on show.

Small School Presentation Evening – June

An opportunity for students coming from smaller feeder Primaries, where there are generally 5 or less coming to Hanson, to visit the school. This is done prior to the main Induction Evening in July so that students can meet others in a similar situation and familiarise themselves with the school. Students will complete tasks with their new Director of Key Stage and parents are invited for refreshments and a Q&A session/presentation with Hanson staff.

Primary school visits – ongoing in Summer Term

Hanson staff will visit ALL new students in their Primary schools and complete a get to know you task. Hanson staff will also meet with Primary school teachers and key members of staff to discuss the students. Key information about behaviour, attendance, attainment, strengths and areas for improvement are discussed to ensure a smooth transition to Hanson.

Discovery Sessions – July

Primary schools will be given the opportunity to attend Hanson and take part in the Discovery sessions involving Science, Technology, Music, Drama, Dance, PE and potentially more. This will give students the chance to experience lessons in secondary school and meet some of the teachers.

Induction Day and evening – July

ALL new students visit the school for the day and follow a normal school timetable. They will be arranged into their new forms and meet their form tutors. The evening gives parents an opportunity to meet their child's form tutor and key members of staff in school. Here, information is given about school systems, expectations, the start of term, uniform and summer school.

Additional Induction Days – July

Additional Induction days during the same week as the main Induction day focussing on students who may benefit from extra visits. These students are identified by the Primary schools and the Hanson SEN/Wellbeing department. Additional visits will also be arranged for specific students with extra needs e.g. physical difficulties, medical, HI/VI and are to be arranged as needed.

Summer School

The Springwood Summer Camp is organised with Inspired Neighbourhoods, the Youth Service and other local community agencies. Weeks 1 to 4 are based in Community settings (Springfield Centre and Ravenscliffe Centre) with the aim of preparing students for life at secondary school. Week 5 will be at Hanson with the aim of ALL new Year 7 students starting school a week early to 'step up' to Secondary School. Hanson Staff/teachers deliver lessons to prepare students for their start in September – students will forge relationships with staff and other students as well as developing a greater understanding of the demands and expectations at Hanson.

More information about all of these events will be published on the school website and letters will also be sent home to parents with key dates. All correspondence will also be sent to feeder Primaries.

Moving on to secondary school can be both exciting and daunting, but we hope we can work with you and your child's Primary school to make the process as seamless as possible.