



To: Yr 6 Parents / Carers

## Gospel Oak School

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**Our Ref:** SP.KH.3021

**Your Ref:**

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Transition to Gospel Oak School**

We are aware your son/daughter will feel a mixture of excitement and trepidation at the thought of starting a new secondary school. The following activities, planned over 2 days, are designed to help ease their anxieties, forge new relationships with their new peers and tutor, become familiar with our routines, understand our high expectations and how to meet them successfully. This is so that they can spend their summer looking forward to all the new opportunities on offer at Gospel Oak School. We look forward to meeting both you and your son/daughter in the very near future.

Below is an outline of the schedule for the days.

**Wednesday 3rd July (9.15am to 2.30pm)**

High expectations at Gospel Oak School  
Rewards and behaviour system  
Meet tutor  
Tour of school  
PE activity

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July (9.15am to 2.30pm)**

Routines and procedures  
Reading  
A taste of lessons  
Enterprise activity

**Transition evening - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July (5.30pm – 7.30pm)**

Headteacher's welcome  
Year Team Lead vision and expectations  
Meet the tutor & the pastoral team.  
Uniform sizing

### **On arrival**

Students will be welcomed at the main gate at 9am and guided to the sports hall. Please can I stress that parents/carers must not be on the school site and should instead say their good-byes at the front gate. Staff will be available to welcome and remind students of their tutor group. Students will then line up with their tutor group in silence, which is one of the routines students follow through the academic year.

### **Uniform/Equipment**

Students must wear their primary school uniform including their normal school shoes. On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July students must bring their primary school physical education kit to participate in sports team activities. Students who arrive without their normal school shoes will be expected to borrow shoes from the school. We believe in the importance of wearing the correct school uniform and during the transition week there is no exception. Students should bring a pen, pencil and ruler with them.

### **During**

During the induction days, students will have the opportunity to experience and understand the routines and expectations we implement at Gospel Oak School. We implement high expectations to ensure all students can learn in a safe and purposeful environment free from distraction. Students will become familiar with the school site and have taught lessons in a range of subjects they will study in September Assemblies and activities will take place throughout the week on aspirations, rewards, behaviour, literacy, and the importance of attendance.

### **Departure**

The school day concludes at 2.30pm. Students will be walked to the main gate in form groups with their teacher for collection.

### **Lunch**

Lunch will be provided by the catering team, funded by school. Students will have a choice of either hot or cold food. If your son/daughter would prefer they can bring their own packed lunch.

Students can of course bring in their own drinks and snacks, but please can you ensure no 'fizzy' or 'energy' drinks are brought into school as they are on the banned item list.

Further information will follow but if you have any questions, please contact us via the school website.

Yours sincerely,



**Mrs S Pabla**  
**Assistant Principal**



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**Assistant Principal**