







26th April 2024

Dear families,

We have finalised our transition week plan for our new cohorts and are pleased to share these details with you. Given this is a unique year, and having consulted closely with our largest feeder schools to avoid clashing with trips or end of year events as best as possible, we have taken the decision to elongate the typical two day, back-to-back, transition experience into a week, as follows;

Day	Year Group (Current)	The Year Group they will be in September	Details
Monday July 8 th	6	7	<p>Over the course of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, we will welcome each year group into school individually for a taster day.</p> <p>Students will have an opportunity to experience a typical lesson at Stratton School, meet key staff and crucially, become orientated with the new layouts, routines, and site improvements ahead of the official opening of Stratton School.</p> <p>This week will be particularly quiet as our Y11s and Y13s will have left us following their exams and our Y10s will be on Work Experience. Our Year 9s will be supporting the transition events, but they themselves will have a variety of activities this week as well.</p> <p>Parents and carers will have the opportunity this week for tours of the site after school on the day their child/ren attend.</p>
Tuesday July 9 th	7	8	
Wednesday July 10 th	8	9	
Thursday July 11 th	6, 7, 8	7, 8, 9	We will invite all three-year groups in on this day for their second experience event. There will be further opportunities to see the full site, learn our routines and get ready for September.

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The 'need to knows' for this week

- On their first day, students will arrive on site at 8:30am and be welcomed straight into the main hall.
- We will have staff in high viz jackets across the front entrance courtyard to direct and support.
- Students should wear their current school uniform on both days.
 - Black school shoes are required
 - Shirts and ties worn correctly
 - Skirts at an appropriate length
 - Leggings and jeans are not permitted
 - Coats removed when inside the building
- Mobile phones are not permitted to be used on site, so must be switched off and put away (in a bag, not a pocket) – ideally, they are not brought to school at all.
- A packed lunch on day one is requested. The second day, we will provide a lunch for students in our café.
- Students who are in receipt of Free School Meals will have a packed lunch provided by Stratton School.
- Students are required to bring a school bag with a lunch, pencil case, calculator, and a water bottle. Any student arriving without a bag or equipment will need a parent to drop this off at school as a matter of priority.
- The school day will end at 3:10pm.
- Parents wishing to stay for a tour can wait in the main hall where members of the SLT will be present to answer any questions.
- The site tour will last approximately 30 mins and refreshments will be available.

On the second day

- Students will be told where to register on this day, and will head straight to that location, arrival from 8:30am.
- All students must be in registration, ready to learn by 8:40am.
- We will provide a lunch for students on day 2, but students are welcome to bring their own packed lunches.
- As with day one, uniform and equipment requirements are the same.

Reminder – Family Information Evening Tuesday 2nd July

We will be holding a Family Information Evening for each of our new year groups, where you will have a chance to meet the Pastoral leaders, SEND team and other key members of staff. The event will start for new Year 7s at 5:45pm, in the main hall initially and then split into house areas. New year 8s will meet at 6:45pm and new year 9s will meet at 7:45pm. If you have children joining us in multiple years, you only need to attend one event. Please register for your preferred session here <https://forms.office.com/e/xDH3FPQxt5> .(Students are welcome to attend with their parents).

Can't make this?

With any event that we run for families, we ask that if you cannot attend, please indicate this in the 'sending apologies' section. This is to ensure two facts are clear;

- We know you have received the invitation email.
- We know who to reach out to specifically for a follow up.

School Uniform

We have a new school uniform supplier, FR Monkhouse Ltd (Total Clothing) based in Peterborough. They will be holding a sizing event at school on Wednesday 26th June and Tuesday 9th July between 3.30 and 7pm. This will give you the opportunity for your child to try on for size before ordering on their website.

A full update on the Stratton School uniform requirements will be sent to all current and new families in the coming weeks.

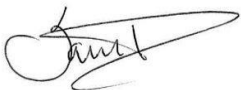
What's next?

Our next email will be focused on our onboarding process. This is to capture the data we need to hold ahead of September and will be through a system called Applicaa (families with students in our 6th Form will be familiar with this). This is an important part of the enrolment process, and we ask that you complete this form as soon as the links are emailed out. To prevent emails heading to junk mail, please can we ask that you save admin@applicaa.com as an approved sender/whitelisted as safe. Year 7s at BA, we will send this information out via the BA Parent Mail system as we currently do not hold your details.

Coming soon

- Our new website will be launching in May.
- Before half term, we will be sending out our Student and Parent Welcome booklet.
- Details on our *Official Opening* event in September will be announced.
- Building and renovation updates

With kind regards,



Sam Farmer
Principal