

HEADTEACHER: MR DAVID MACCORMICK

Date: June 2023

Our Ref: SDA/LSU

Dear Parents/Carers

We look forward to seeing your child on their 2 transition days on Monday 10 and Tuesday 11 July.

In this pack you will find:

- A list of useful dates
- Information about the transition tab on our webpage
- Information about your Head of Year, Mr Walker-Jones
- Information for New Admissions Booklet (for your reference and safekeeping)
- Holyrood Academy Student Information Form (please **complete and return** as soon as possible in the prepaid envelope)
- Pre-paid envelope (for return of the Holyrood Academy Student Information Form)

We are very pleased that your child is joining us at Holyrood Academy in **September 2023**. The autumn term for Year 7 begins on **Tuesday 5th September 2023 at 8:30am**. Years 7 and 12 are the only students in school on this day to help them familiarise themselves with the Academy.

In order to ensure a smooth transition from primary school into secondary school we are delighted to invite your child to transition days as follows:

- **Monday 10th July from 9am – 3pm**
- **Tuesday 11th July from 9am – 3pm**

You will need to make your own arrangements for getting your child to and from school on these days. Please be aware the transition days end at 3pm, at which point your child will be allowed to leave the school site. Entry and exit is via the front entrance on Zembard Lane. Please be advised that there is very little parking.

Please can you ensure your child comes in comfortable clothing (NOT school uniform), brings a packed lunch*, a drink, sun hat and sun cream, and writing equipment on the day. If your child is entitled to a free school meal at lunchtime we will make sure a packed lunch is available for them. ** Please note the canteen will not be available for your child to purchase food/drink on the transition days.*

Meet the tutor evening for Year 6 Parents/Carers and Students – Monday 10th July

On the 10th of July we will be offering a transition meetings for all parents of Year 6 children. At this time there will be a brief presentation about life at Holyrood, and then an opportunity to meet your son or daughter's tutor and other staff and ask any questions you may have about life as a Year 7 student. You will also have the opportunity to find out about county transport, additional music lessons, the Holyrood PTFA, Catering and school uniform.

5.30pm Presentation

Manor Court
Avishayes
Redstart

6.15pm Presentation

Buckland St Mary
Combe St Nicholas
Ashill
Tatworth
Winsham
Neroche
Herne View
Chardstock
And all other primary schools

Information to be returned

The Holyrood Academy Student Information Form will need to be **completed and returned in the prepaid envelope no later than Monday 26th June.** Please read through the guidance notes on the transition section of the website before completing this form and please ensure you have completed all sections, including the Image Consent, Parental Consent and Medical Forms.

Uniform

Mr Barron and his staff are open Monday to Saturday. Parents are able to call ahead to make orders, order online through Facebook, or just arrive to shop as usual. Barrons staff will be able to advise about sizing for next term.

SEND Conversation

If you have any specific questions related to SEND provision please call the school directly on 01460 260100 to speak to Mrs Wilson or Mrs Watson.

Free School Meals

Students attending Holyrood Academy, whose parents/carers receive certain benefits, may be entitled to free school meals. At secondary schools it is the responsibility of the parents/carers to apply for Free School Meals for their children by completing an application form via the link below. Somerset County Council will process applications and communicate directly with the applicant.

<http://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-learning-and-schools/school-life/free-school-meals/>

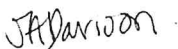
Transition Tab on Holyrood Academy Website

We hope the information for New Admissions' booklet answers any questions you may have. Further information will be available on our website, <https://holyrood.uat.ac>. We have introduced a transition area on our website where you will soon find all correspondence we send out.

We hope you can find a moment to have look through these pages and check out all the information relevant to our New Year 7 students and their families.

If you have any concerns or queries about any aspect of this information, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs S. Davison
Assistant Headteacher



Mr M Walker-Jones
Head of Year, Year 7