# **Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School**



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## Headteacher: Mr C Billings

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Dear parent/ carer

## Year 7 Transition

We hope that you enjoyed the recent May Day bank holiday and that your child's final preparations for the SATS examinations are going well.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your child to our school community. We are writing now to give you an overview of the transition process and the key events that will be taking place between now and September. Please read the letter carefully and make a note of the key dates.

Thank you for confirming your child's place with us. Please ensure that you have completed the online student information form as this contains vital information. We have included the link here again for your ease: <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/7q4EZvz8wc">https://forms.office.com/r/7q4EZvz8wc</a>

### Student support

Ms Maxwell, Key Stage Leader for Year 7, and the Transition Team are working hard to ensure that your child has the smoothest transition experience possible. We recognise that starting secondary school can seem like a huge step up and we are keen to offer plenty of useful guidance and support at this time.

### Student information

We are currently planning our work with the primary schools, during which time we will be requesting relevant information about your child from their teachers.

## Transition - larger cohorts

The majority of students transferring to us will transition with a large number of other students from their primary school. As such, these students will be visited by Ms Maxwell in their primary school setting. These visits will take place after the SATS examinations, just before half term or at the start of June. Prior to our visit, Year 6 teachers will ask students to complete a short form about themselves, which will allow us to get to know them more quickly. During the visit, we will talk about secondary school life and the opportunity will be given to ask us any further questions that they may have. They will also be given a paper copy of our Transition Booklet, which they should bring home to show you. A copy of this will also be available on our website from the start of June.

## Transition - smaller cohorts

For students who are transferring from their primary school on their own or with only a small number of others, the arrangements are slightly different as we are sensitive to the fact that there is an added element of uncertainty. Therefore, instead of these students being visited in their primary school setting we will be running an additional Transition event for those students only on Monday 17 June from 9.15am to 11.45am.



We have run this event previously and it proved a very successful way for students who are in a similar position, not only to receive the transition information from staff, but also to meet each other and start to make some friendships with others. A further letter of invitation will be emailed to the parents of these students nearer the time.

#### Transition day and evening meeting

The Transition Day for students will take place on Wednesday 3 July from 8.45am to 2.45pm. On this day, your child will meet their Form tutor, as well as the other students in their form group and experience some lessons. Please note that Year 6 students are unable to travel on our school buses on Transition Day. As a reminder, please remember that there will be no school bus services from September 2024.

In the evening, there will be an information meeting for parents starting at 5pm. This will comprise of a presentation by Mrs Boyle and Ms Maxwell as well as your child's Form tutor. We anticipate that these presentations will last about an hour.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to our school. Should you wish to contact us at any point, please call us on 024 7641 4515 or email <u>yr6-7transition@bishopullathorne.co.uk</u>

Yours sincerely

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Mrs F Brown Assistant Headteacher

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