

Beacon Hill Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Update re Transition

Following my previous letter, I would like to provide you with an update regarding our academy transition days, uniform, parent/ carer app (Weduc) and summer school.

Transition Days

Our transition days are the 5th July and 6th July 2022. Learners will come to Beacon Hill Academy to experience life at their new school and will participate in sample lessons, meet staff (including those with key responsibilities for Year 7) and enjoy the Beacon Hill experience.

Learners will need to be dropped off and collected from the main school gate where they will be met by myself and other members of the Senior Leadership Team. We would like learners to arrive at 8.45am and be collected at 2.30pm. Learners should arrive in their primary school uniform and have a bag with their full stationary and bottle of water. Learners may also wish to bring their trainers.

Learners can bring a packed lunch or buy a hot or cold meal in our restaurant. If they normally receive a free school meal then one will be provided. Food will also be available at breaktime. Despite being a cashless school if learners are having a school lunch or want to purchase anything during break, they will need to bring money for this. We suggest £3.50 per day would be sufficient.

At the end of the final day of induction, we will be holding a Parent and Carer induction evening where you will have an opportunity to meet key staff including your child's Form Tutor. The evening is aimed at parents and carers only, and will start at 6.30pm and finish at 8pm. I hope that the induction days together with the induction evening will support you and your child in the move from Primary to Secondary and help the transition be as seamless as possible.

Our cashless school uses a biometric system linked to each learner, in September we will be scanning a small part of your child's thumb to create a unique account to enable them to add money and subsequently pay for any food and refreshments. This thumb print does not scan the whole thumb and will not be used for any purpose other than this. We will however try to do this during their two day induction unless you have opted out of this on the Learner Capture Form.

Summer School – Transition days

We will be running our Summer School between 8th – 10th August 2022. This will be held on site at Beacon Hill Academy. It will give your child the opportunity to visit the academy again, become familiar with our excellent facilities, meet some of the academy staff and meet fellow learners. Summer school will begin at 9.30am and finish at 1.00pm each day and is free of charge. If you wish for your child to attend, then please respond by completing the online booking via Weduc, by 6th July 2022. Further information regarding Summer School will be sent to those parents who have chosen for their child to attend.



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Year 7 Uniform

As you are aware, Year 7 Blazers and ties will be gifted, free of charge to our new learners. We can confirm that our Year 7 blazer supplier for 2022/23 will be Crested School Wear, Churchill Shopping Centre, Dudley 01384 918 330.

From 01/07/2022 to 26/08/2022 you will be able to visit Crested, order your child's blazer and collect a tie directly with them. We encourage you to do so at your earliest convenience from the above date to avoid any delays. Please note that for Year 7 you will have to visit the store in person. Please ensure you take proof of ID with you when you visit the store.

Years 8 to 11 Uniform

For Years 8 to 11, blazers can be purchased instore or online via the Crested website www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk. Ties are available from Crested or directly from the academy at £4 per tie. For information, Year 11 learners will receive a new tie, free of charge at the beginning of the school year.

PE Kit

From 13th June 2022, PE Kit is also available from Crested School Wear, Churchill Shopping Centre, Dudley 01384 918 330. The make and style of PE kit has not changed, however the new arrangement with Crested allows for kit to be sampled and tried for size in store locally. Please do not order your PE Kit online via the Surridge website.

The minimum requirement for PE Kit is a branded Polo Shirt and Shorts with plain black socks. Other branded items are available but are not compulsory. Plain black items are accepted as an alternative to the non-compulsory items.

For additional guidance related to uniform, please refer to the Parents & Carers > Uniform & Suppliers area of the academy website. For information related to expectations around uniform, please refer to the Parents & Carers > Parents & Carers Guide area of the website.

Parent/ Carer App (Weduc)

Accompanied with this letter you will find your Weduc registration letter. Weduc is our new Parent and Carer engagement app, which allows us to communicate with you electronically with important news, key dates and how your child is getting on in school. It is important that all our parents and carers where possible have access to Weduc as this will be our main platform for communications, ordering uniform and cashless payments to name a few.

If you have been unable to complete the process, please email helpline@beaconhillacademy.org.uk for assistance. In the interim, we will also upload transition letters and information to the Why Choose Us? > Welcome to Year 7 and Parents & Carers area of the website.



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Once you have registered your Weduc account we would like you to complete the Learner Data Collection Form, which you can find by clicking on the menu icon in the top left corner and then selecting the 'forms' link. Can you please complete the data collection form as soon as possible so that we hold the most up to date information regarding your child in advance of their start in September.

Should you have any queries or provide any additional information, please contact us by emailing helpline@beaconhillacademy.org.uk. Transition information will be regularly published to the Why Choose Us > Welcome to Year 7 and Parent & Carer areas of our website so we encourage you to check back regularly for the latest updates.

Thank you for your ongoing support and we very much look forward to welcoming your child to our academy in the near future.

Yours faithfully,

Mr H Mahey
Assistant Principal – Ethos & Standards



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