

Beacon Hill Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Year 6 Transition

We are delighted that your child will be joining us at Beacon Hill Academy in September 2020! This page will help you with the induction process and includes our FAQ's and suggested ideas of how to help you child prepare for their first term at secondary school, as well as some quick links to videos, lessons and other helpful information.

One of my jobs as an Assistant Principal is to lead the transition process for all of the learners coming to us in September 2020. We place great emphasis on ensuring that the transition from primary to secondary school is as smooth as possible and an exciting and happy experience for your child.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had and will have some ongoing impact on our transition process, however, we can assure you that we are excited about your child joining us and are looking forward to seeing you all. We have been in contact with your child's primary school so that we can get to know a little more about your child. We want to know as much about your child as is possible to ensure this process is as smooth as it can be even in the current circumstances. With this information, we can begin the process of allocating form groups to learners that will be a good fit in terms of gender, ability, needs and also allow us to avoid groupings that may cause issues.

When children join us in September, some come with several friends from primary school and some don't know anyone else. It won't make any difference after the first few days because the way that we teach rotates children around the classroom so that they work with lots of different children and soon have the confidence to talk to everyone. Pastoral support is one of our strengths. Every child who joins us will clearly know who to talk to if they have things on their mind. That support is with them throughout their school career.

We know you will have lots of questions and to help with some of these we have put together a [FAQ section](#), which you may find useful. We recognise that your child may also have questions of their own and want to ask one of our existing Year 7 learners. Your child can submit a question by completing a [Learner Question Form](#), this is then sent automatically to our helpline and forwarded to one of our Year 7 learners who will answer the question. We will also try to match your child's primary school to that of the Year 7s so they immediately have something in common and help them to relax. Once we have more information we will be in touch and will also update this page. In addition to the [suggested ideas](#) of how to help your child prepare for their first term at secondary school, we have also developed [some lessons](#) for your child. We thought this would be a great way to keep them busy and give them a taster for the type of work they may be doing in Year 7. In order for your child to learn more about their new school, we have also created a



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'[Treasure Hunt](#)' style quiz, which will see them explore every page of our website. They can also take part in our weekly [mid-week challenge](#).

If you require any other help, support or information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with our friendly support team by emailing helpline@beaconhillacademy.org.uk

I look forward to welcoming you to Beacon Hill Academy in September!

Yours Sincerely,

Mr H. Mahey

Assistant Principal



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