

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 Transition

Firstly, can I please take the time to thank you for your patience with our transition process. A successful transition is vital in supporting all children in adapting to life in a secondary school and despite the turbulent times we have experienced in education recently, I can assure you my number one goal is ensuring your child's transition to our school will be as smooth as possible.

A key piece of information that I know a number of you are eagerly waiting for is the House allocation, as this dictates the colour uniform that needs to be purchased. Please see below the allocated House for your child for the next academic year. For the last two years we have taken the decision to move away from "vertical" tutor groups of mixed years and we will continue with this for the next Academic year. Therefore, please be aware that house allocation does not impact tutor groups or student classes; instead, the House is a student's "family" within the Academy, where they celebrate their successes together, compete in sporting and academic competitions and events and support each other to be the best individual they can be. House allocation is based on a number of factors, but friendship groups is not one of them; so please do not worry if your child is not in the same House as their "best friend" as this is an opportunity to meet new people and to forge new friendships that might last a lifetime. If your child currently has a sibling at our Academy, they should have been placed in the same House as them; if there has been an error, please let us know as soon as possible and we will correct this.

Student Name:

House:

House Colour

Now that you know the House group of your child you can now purchase the appropriate, branded uniform from <https://www.monkhouse.com>. For full uniform guidance please follow this link to the correct page on our Academy Website:

<https://hanhamwoodsacademy.clf.uk/our-academy/uniform-equipment/>

I will be in contact again soon with further updates on transition, including details of our "Big Step Up" day on Thursday 7th July, as well as the Principal's welcome talk and the family tours which you will be able to book onto in July.

Please follow the link below and complete our New Student Information form, please do this as soon as possible and return to us to ensure that we have the most up to date and correct information for

Here's the link to the form "New Y7 Student Information Collection and Consent Form - September 2022":
<https://forms.office.com/r/sWa6CYfWRs>

I am delighted to have your child join us and look forward to meeting you all in the future.

Kind regards

Mr Craig Coulstring
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Transition Lead