

Dear Parents and Carers,

We really enjoyed welcoming families on site last week at Transition Coffee Afternoons. Thank you for your patience regarding follow up communication. Our plans have had to be reviewed in light of the recent announcements regarding Industrial Action on the 5th of July, however I am pleased to say we will be going ahead with both events next Wednesday as planned.

This letter will give you the details regarding:

Transition Day- Wednesday 5th July 2020 9:15am to 2:45pm

Transition Information Evening – Wednesday 5th July 2023 3:45 to 7pm

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“The Big Step Day” is the Transition Day for all schools in the Cabot Learning Federation will take place on Wednesday 5th July from 9.15am until 2.45pm. This will be the day when all of our new Year 7 students will be invited onto site for their first experience as a Hanham Woods Academy student. Students will need to arrive to the Academy at 9.15am (no earlier please) and be collected at 2.45pm; please note that there will be no vehicle access to the car park either at the start or the end of the day, so please arrive on foot.

We will be able to store student bikes and scooters in the bike shed on this day and students can bring a lock if they are used to doing that, however if they do not have a lock, they can still use the bike shed and all items are left at the owner's own risk. Students need to arrive in casual clothes and trainers as they will be taking part in some energetic activities throughout the day. They will also need to bring with them a back-pack with a pencil case, packed lunch, refillable water-bottle and then either a sun hat and sun cream or a waterproof coat, depending on the weather on that day. Please can all students bring their favourite reading book as reading and literacy is a really important part of daily life at Hanham Woods Academy, and we are looking forward to finding out more about students reading habits on this day.

During the day, students will be taking part in a range of activities, assemblies, lessons and tours to give them their first real insight into what a day at Hanham Woods Academy will be like. This will also be the first opportunity to meet not only key staff but also the 179 other Year 7 students that will be beginning their secondary school journey with them.

Transition Information Evening – Wednesday 5th July 2023 3:45 to 7pm

We are holding a Transition Information Evening on Wednesday 5th July 2023 between the hours 3.45– 7pm.

Within this evening, there will be 3 time slots available:

- Arrival at 3.45pm and talk starts at 4pm in the Main Hall
- Arrival at 4.45pm and talk starts at 5pm in the Main Hall
- Arrival at 5.45pm and talk starts at 6pm in the Main Hall

This evening will be an opportunity to hear more of the important information about transition alongside the mission and values of Hanham Woods Academy. There will also be stands set up in the Foyer area with useful information from, amongst others, our SEND team and the Friends of Hanham Woods Academy who will be selling Preloved uniform so please do bring some cash to purchase items if you wish to. We will also be selling pencil cases as we know these were popular at the Coffee Afternoons.

There will be three booking slots available at 3.45pm, 4.45pm and 5.45pm with each session being approximately 1hr 15 mins long. Where possible, we would prefer that students do not attend this event as capacity is limited and the students will have their own opportunity to hear this information and tour the Academy on their Big Step Day.

To book a time slot, please contact Reception on 0117 440 8900, advising them of the timeslot you would like to attend and how many are in your party.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact reception and we will be happy to help. If you have any questions or queries about the Progression Evening or The Big Step Day events, please do let me know via the HWATransition@clf.uk email address.

If you have any questions regarding the Summer of Fun please email nicola.hurrell@clf.uk.

Kind Regards

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