The Crossley Heath School

Year 7 Transition Newsletter



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This newsletter aims to give an early insight into our transition programme for the 2024-25 academic year.

Regular transition updates will be communicated during the Summer Term



A Message from Transition Leader – Mr Spencer

Very many congratulations to all of our new Year 7 students starting with us in September. My colleagues and I are really looking forward to welcoming you all to our wonderful school. Transition from primary to secondary school is a big milestone and change in your life and that of your parents and carers. The pastoral team, your tutors and I are here to help you through this.

We want to support you all so that you have an exciting and enjoyable experience without uncertainty and worry. We are holding a series of transition events during the months leading up to your first term here at The Crossley Heath School. We have an amazing 400 years of history for you to discover with a strong tradition of excellence and moral purpose, both inside and outside of the classroom. You should be very proud of gaining your place here with us. From this point on, we are delighted that you are now a part of The Crossley Heath School community.





Hi, my name is Mrs Griggs; I have been lucky enough to have worked at Crossley Heath for the past 10 years. I am the school's KS3 Pastoral Leader and one of the Designated Safeguarding Officers. I work alongside Mr Davis and the rest of the pastoral team, including form tutors. My key role is to support Y7 and Y8 students with any pastoral issues that they may encounter during their time at school. The wellbeing of the students is at the heart of everything I do.



Telling us about your child Our Pastoral Team are eager to get to know our new students so that the best support can be offered to them as they start with us. We will be sending you a link to a confidential survey that gives parents and carers the opportunity to share valuable information about their child with us. This information will be shared appropriately with form tutors and our Pastoral Leaders and will form the basis for our initial individual support for students. Once students have been assigned to their form groups you will receive the link for the survey.



Monday July 1st - Parent/Carer Information Evening (more details to follow)

<u>Friday 5th July</u> – Transition Day (more details to follow)

<u>Tuesday 3rd September</u> – Y7 Induction Day (more details to follow)

Primary School Outreach

As part of our extended transition programme, we are working with our many feeder schools from across a very wide geographical area to ensure that all our new students have the chance to hear and learn about their new school and to raise any questions they may have, ahead of our key face to face transition events. Mr Spencer will be holding a number of primary school outreach sessions, via zoom, where he will talk about Crossley Heath's amazing history, the exciting opportunities on offer and, of course, the transition process. Please note that these sessions are for primary school staff and students and run during the school day.

Developing Crossley Heath Character

We want all of our students to have the support they need to achieve their goals and aspirations. Through our subject curriculum, extracurricular activities, personal development and student leadership programmes we provide opportunities for student growth. We prioritise emotional fitness and development as fundamental in students achieving their potential. We encourage you to look through our website support and guidance for Personal Development and Wellbeing. Look for the drop-down menus shown below





We have strong relationships with our specialist wellbeing partners at Open Minds. Through our collaborative work we continue to build the most effective and responsive emotional wellbeing provision for the needs of our students, staff and parents/carers. Open Minds have some very useful emotional support guidance and additional links that can help children and their parents/carers to experience primary to secondary school transition in a more comfortable and confident way. Use this link to find our more: Supporting Emotional Wellbeing During Transition – The Crossley Heath School