

TRANSITION NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Fulwood Academy newsletter dedicated to supporting the transition of the Class of 2031!



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to welcome you to the very first edition of our Transition Newsletter. From now until September 2026, we will be sharing a monthly update to ensure you feel informed, prepared and confident as your child moves through this important transition period.

The move to secondary school is an exciting milestone in every young persons life, and we will be there every step of the way to ensure all of our new students join us prepared for the journey ahead.

Over the coming months, this newsletter will provide key dates, practical information, answers to frequently asked questions, and guidance on how we can work together to support your child both emotionally and academically.

In March, our focus is on laying strong foundations. Behind the scenes, our staff are working closely with partner schools and colleagues to gather information that will help us understand each child's strengths, interests and needs. Building these relationships early allows us to plan carefully and ensure that every student feels known, valued and ready to thrive from day one.

Over the coming months, you can expect information about:

- Transition events and welcome evenings
- Curriculum and subject information
- Pastoral support and wellbeing provision
- Uniform, equipment and practical preparations
- Opportunities to meet staff and other families

Thank you for placing your trust in us. We are very much looking forward to welcoming your family and beginning this journey together.

Mr A Galbraith
Principal

KEY DATES

Please make a note of the following important dates:

- **9th March 2026** - Data collection forms and acceptance letters posted home
These should be completed and returned to school by 27th March 2026 to secure your child's place
 - **6th May 2026** - After School Transition Sessions begin - more information and sign-up details will be released in April's Transition Newsletter
 - **15th May 2026** – Transition visits to primary schools begin
 - **18th May 2026** – Welcome Evening for Parents and Carers - **5.30pm-6.30pm**
 - **2nd July 2026** – Transition Day for all Year 6 pupils - **8.35am-3.05pm**
 - **Wednesday 2nd September 2026** – Start of Term - **8.35am start for Year 7 only**
- Further details for each event will be shared in upcoming newsletters.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CHILD

Throughout the Transition process, we will work closely with your child's primary school to learn as much about them as we can to prepare for supporting them fully in September. We will also speak with your child during visits to their school to get to know them and help to answer any questions they have about starting their journey at Fulwood Academy.

We also ask all families to complete a Parents' Information Sharing Form.

This form gives you the opportunity to tell us about:

- Your child's interests and strengths
- Pastoral or wellbeing considerations
- Additional needs or support that has been helpful previously
- Friendship requests (where applicable)

This information is invaluable in helping us place students in appropriate tutor groups and ensure the right support is in place from the very start.

You can complete the form by clicking >> [here](#) <<. As we will use this information to support choosing your child's tutor group, we ask that the form is **completed by 19th May 2026.**

UNIFORM

Our school uniform plays an important role in promoting pride, belonging and high standards.

Full details of our uniform expectations, including PE kit requirements, can be found on the school website.

Key points to note:

- Blazer with academy badge (compulsory)
- Academy tie
- White shirt
- Black tailored trousers or academy skirt
- Black shoes (plain, polishable – not trainers)
- Academy PE kit (available from our approved supplier)

We recommend ordering uniform early to ensure availability ahead of September. Information about our approved suppliers, sizing guidance and ordering deadlines is available online.

If you require support with uniform due to financial circumstances, please contact the school in confidence.

Uniform can be purchased through our official provider, [Monkhouse](#).



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you believe your child may be eligible for **Free School Meals**, we strongly encourage you to apply as soon as possible.

Even if your child chooses not to take a school meal every day, registering for FSM is important as it enables the school to access additional funding to support your child's education.

Applications can be made through your local authority's website. If you need assistance with the process, our school office team will be happy to help.

It is important to remember that free school meals status will not carry over from primary school and new applications must be made for starting secondary school in the September 2026 term.

You can apply for Free School Meals [here](#)

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Each month, this newsletter will guide you through the next stage of the transition journey. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Your main contacts are:

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We are excited to begin this journey with you and look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 cohort in September 2026.

RIDDLE TIME

To add a little fun to our transition newsletter, each issue will include two riddles for you to solve!

Have a think, share your guesses with friends or family, and see if you can crack them before the next edition. The answers will be revealed in the following issue — so make sure you keep reading to find out if you were right!

RIDDLE 1: I CAN BE CRACKED, MADE, TOLD, AND PLAYED. WHAT AM I?

RIDDLE 2: THE MORE YOU TAKE, THE MORE YOU LEAVE BEHIND. WHAT ARE THEY?

