

# TRANSITION NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 2 - APRIL 2026

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



## A Message from our Head Girl

Dear Parent/Carer,

Starting secondary school is a big step, and I understand it can feel both exciting and a little daunting. When I joined Fulwood Academy in Year 7, I felt nervous at first, but opportunities like summer school helped me make friends and settle in quickly.

I chose to become Head Girl to encourage others to believe in themselves and to show that stepping outside your comfort zone can lead to real growth. Through my time here, I've gained confidence and learned to embrace new challenges.

At Fulwood, students are supported to grow not just academically, but as individuals. It's a place where your child can build friendships, discover new strengths, and create lasting memories.

Yours sincerely,

**Emma**  
Head Girl

## A Message from our Head Boy

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for considering Fulwood Academy for your child's next stage of education. It is a place shaped by strong values; we care, we challenge, and we commit. These guide how students learn and support one another every day.

As Head Boy, I wanted to be a role model and help younger students feel confident and included. My journey here has been rewarding, with many opportunities to grow through both challenges and achievements. What stands out most is how staff encourage students to aim high and stay motivated. This helps students develop resilience and independence, preparing them well for the future.

I hope you feel reassured about the journey ahead, Fulwood Academy is a community where students are inspired to succeed.

Yours sincerely,

**Jed**  
Head Boy

# KEY DATES

Please make a note of the following important dates:

- **18<sup>th</sup> May 2026** – Welcome Evening for Parents and Carers - **5.30pm-6.30pm**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> July 2026** – Transition Day for all Year 6 pupils - **8.35am-3.05pm**
- **20<sup>th</sup> July - 24<sup>th</sup> July 2026** - Summer School  
**More information and sign up to follow in the May issue of the Transition Newsletter**
- **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026** – Start of Term - **8.35am start for Year 7 only**

Further details for each event will be shared in upcoming newsletters.

## TRANSITION UPDATE FROM MRS HOLMES

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the past few weeks, we have begun contacting our feeder primary schools to arrange visits and begin speaking with staff. This is an important first step in helping us to get to know each student and how best to support them when they join us in September.

We've also organised a series of after-school transition sessions, as outlined in this newsletter. These sessions are a great opportunity for students to get to know the school and build confidence ahead of the new term.



I can now also share that our Summer School will run from 20<sup>th</sup>–24<sup>th</sup> July and will give students another chance to settle in, meet staff and peers, and feel ready for September. Further information and sign-up details are included in this newsletter as well.

Thank you to those who have already completed the information form shared in Issue 1 of our Transition Newsletter. This information shared is incredibly helpful as we begin planning tutor groups and support your child might need when they join our community. For convenience, the link is included again [<<Here>>](#) If you would like to share any additional information, please do so by the end of May.

If you have not yet confirmed your child's place with us or returned the Data Collection pack you should have received in the post please ensure this is returned as soon as possible, if you have not received your pack or require another copy you can email me at [c.holmes@fulwoodacademy.co.uk](mailto:c.holmes@fulwoodacademy.co.uk) and I will arrange another pack to be sent out to you.

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to working with you and supporting your child as they begin their journey with us.

Kind regards,

**Mrs Holmes**

**Transition Lead & Head of Year 7**

# SUMMER TERM SESSIONS

Throughout May and June we will be hosting after-school sessions open to all of our incoming Year 7 students. These sessions will be led by a different subject department each week and are a fantastic opportunity for your child to meet new friends, get to know staff, and become familiar with their new school.

Sessions will take place on **Wednesdays from 4:00–5:00pm.**

During each session, there will also be a parent and carer drop-in in the school library, where tea and coffee will be available. This is a great opportunity to speak with a member of the Year 7 pastoral team or our SENCO, Mrs Clipston, or simply enjoy an hour of peace with a cup of tea or coffee.

Your child may be dropped off and collected after the session, or they may make their own way to and from school if they are able to do so.

Date	Subject
06/05/2026	Science
13/05/2026	English
20/05/2026	Spanish
03/06/2026	Maths
10/06/2026	RE
17/06/2026	Art and Design
24/06/2026	Geography

To sign up for any of the above sessions complete the form [<<HERE>>](#) by Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm. After this date you will need to email Mrs Holmes directly who will try to accommodate any late requests.

***You are welcome to sign your child up for as many sessions as they would like to attend. Wherever possible, we will accommodate all requests for places. You will receive an email confirming your sessions on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May.***





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## SUMMER SCHOOL

20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>  
JULY

10AM-2PM

This is open to all pupils starting in our Year 7 classes this coming September.

A whole week of fun-packed activities and an amazing opportunity for your child to meet some of their future classmates and teachers!

Sports, arts and crafts, including competitions - Something for everyone!  
DON'T FORGET about our fantastic end of week celebration with prizes for all.

### Pricing

£15 per single day or £60 for the full week Lunch and all activities are included in the price.

Make sure you sign up [here](#)  
before **midday 4<sup>th</sup> July** to  
secure your place.

We will be in touch by 7<sup>th</sup> July to confirm  
your child's place including final details!

ANY QUESTIONS OR QUERIES  
Contact Mrs Holmes at  
[c.holmes@fulwoodacademy.co.uk](mailto:c.holmes@fulwoodacademy.co.uk)



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# INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

As your child will be joining us in September, this is the perfect time to be looking ahead and thinking about Instrumental Lessons. Regardless of whether your child has had lessons before, or not, we would like you to consider this opportunity. Playing a musical instrument has huge benefits. It is good for academic progress, improving concentration and organisation skills, developing self-esteem and confidence; quite apart from the pleasure that playing music brings

Lessons will last for 20 minutes each and are taught during the school day. My recommendation would be that, when completing the form attached, you select a small group lesson. Learning an instrument with other people is so much more enjoyable, and pupils make more rapid progress in the early stages. The choice, of course, is yours. If you would like to take up the offer of lessons, please click on the link here:

[Instrumental Lessons - New Intake for Year 7 : September 2026 – Fill out form](#)

I also recommend that you read the instrumental lessons guidance document – link here: [Music Lesson Guidance 2026 2027 .docx](#)

## **Price list**

Payments are to be made on Parentpay, “Instrumental Lessons”.

All lessons are charged at the same rate, of £7.00 per 20 minute lesson, for a small group (2 pupils). We request payment for 12 lessons in the Autumn Term, payment for 10 lessons in the Spring Term, and payment for 12 lessons in the Summer Term. Payment should be made at the beginning of each term. Please see the addition lesson guidance linked above for more information on payments.

Small group lesson (up to 2 pupils) - £238 for the year (34 lessons).

- Autumn Term - £84.00
- Spring Term - £70.00
- Summer Term - £84.00

Individual lessons : £476 for the year (34 lessons)

- Autumn Term - £168.00
- Spring Term - £140.00
- Summer Term - £168

The cost of lessons will also include free instrument loan and further opportunities including bands and workshops, alongside those running in the Academy.

**Please complete the MS form by 18th May 2026**, if you wish to start lessons in September.

If you would like to take up this opportunity or to receive further information, please do not hesitate to contact me by emailing [r.holding@fulwoodacademy.co.uk](mailto:r.holding@fulwoodacademy.co.uk)

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs R Holding**

**Teacher of Music and Performing Arts**



# EQUIPMENT FOR SEPTEMBER



All students are required to have -

- Black pens
- Green pens
- Pencils
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Pencil Case
- Highlighter (any colour/s)
- School bag - big enough to comfortably fit all belongings and bring home A4 size books and folders.

In school we have a stationary shop that students can visit each morning before Tutor Time to buy or borrow equipment. A full pencil case of equipment costs £1 with individual items starting at 10p each

## UNIFORM UPDATE

There has been a change to the uniform policy for September 2026.

In the 1st issue of the newsletter, the information showed that school trousers should be black. From September, school trousers for both girls and boys will be **grey, straight leg trousers only**. Below are some links to examples of appropriate school trousers in line with our school policy.

[Asda](#)

[Tesco](#)

[Matalan](#)

[Sainsbury's](#)

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

Your main contacts are:

Mrs Holmes - Head of Year 7 and Transition - [c.holmes@fulwoodacademy.co.uk](mailto:c.holmes@fulwoodacademy.co.uk)

Mrs Clipston - SENCO - [h.clipston@fulwoodacademy.co.uk](mailto:h.clipston@fulwoodacademy.co.uk)

Miss Walker - Designated Safeguarding Lead - [b.walker@fulwoodacademy.co.uk](mailto:b.walker@fulwoodacademy.co.uk)

## RIDDLE TIME

LAST MONTHS RIDDLES - DID YOU GUESS RIGHT?

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

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

THIS MONTHS RIDDLES

RIDDLE 1: WHAT HAS TO BE BROKEN BEFORE YOU CAN USE IT?

RIDDLE 2: WHAT GOES UP BUT NEVER COMES DOWN?