

TRANSITION NEWSLETTER

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



TRANSITION UPDATE FROM MRS HOLMES

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy and exciting few weeks as we continue to prepare for welcoming our new Year 7 students to Fulwood Academy.

I have now visited more than 20 of our feeder primary schools and have had the pleasure of meeting many pupils and teachers. These visits have provided a wonderful opportunity to get to know our future students, answer their questions, and support them as they begin their journey towards secondary school. Work has also begun on organising our new students into their form groups, ready for Transition Day on **Thursday 2nd July**.

We are carefully considering all the information gathered from schools to ensure every student has a positive start and feels supported as they join the Fulwood Academy community.

In addition, planning is well underway for our Summer School Week, beginning on 20th July. We have an exciting programme of activities being prepared to help students make new friends, build confidence, and become familiar with academy life before September.

There is still time to sign up for Summer School. Please use the link provided on the poster in this newsletter to secure your child's place.

I look forward to meeting many more students and families over the coming weeks and supporting a smooth and successful transition to Fulwood Academy.

Mrs Holmes
Transition Lead



PREPARING FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

A guide for parents to support your child

Starting secondary school is an exciting step. With the right support, your child can feel confident, prepared and ready to thrive.



EMOTIONAL PREPARATION



Talk about the transition

Encourage open conversations about how they feel. Listen to any worries and reassure them that it's normal to feel nervous.



Build confidence

Remind them of their strengths and past achievements. A positive mindset makes a big difference.



Encourage independence

Support them in solving small problems and making decisions. This helps build resilience and self-belief.

TOP TIP



A calm, encouraging approach at home helps your child feel safe and ready for change.

PRACTICAL PREPARATION



Establish routines

Start practising school day routines now – earlier bedtimes, morning alarms and getting up on time.



Get organised

Help them learn how to keep their bag packed, uniform ready and equipment in good order.



Plan ahead

Check term dates, transport, school lunch arrangements and after-school plans together.



Uniform & appearance

Make sure uniform fits well and they are comfortable with the expectations for personal appearance.

ACADEMIC PREPARATION



Encourage reading

Reading regularly improves vocabulary, focus and confidence across all subjects.



Support learning habits

Help them develop good study habits – setting goals, revising little and often, and asking for help when needed.



Talk about expectations

Explain that lessons may move faster and homework will become more independent – perseverance is key!



Encourage curiosity

Show interest in their learning and encourage questions about the world around them.

SOCIAL PREPARATION



Build friendships

Encourage them to stay in touch with primary friends and be open to making new ones.



Be kind and respectful

Talk about the importance of kindness, respect and inclusivity in building positive relationships.



Talk about change

Remind them it's OK if things feel different at first. It takes time to settle in.



Remember

Every child's journey is unique. Your support, encouragement and belief in them will make all the difference.



WORKING TOGETHER FOR A SUCCESSFUL START

We are here to support you and your child every step of the way. If you have any questions or worries, please don't hesitate to get in touch.



Together we can make this a positive and exciting new chapter!



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TRANSITION DAY

2ND JULY 2026 (THURSDAY)

We are really looking forward to welcoming your child to Fulwood Academy for Transition Day. Please see below all the important information you and your child need to know about the day.



ARRIVAL & WELCOME



Students can arrive from **8:00am**. Please ensure your child arrives no later than **8:30am**.



Registration will take place from **8:30am to 8:45am**.



Please arrive through the **Student Entrance**.



Mrs Holmes will be outside to greet students on arrival. Most students will have already met Mrs Holmes during their primary school visits.



WHAT TO EXPECT

Students will spend the day in their new form group, taking part in a variety of taster lessons and activities and getting to know their form tutor and other classmates.



The day will include a range of subjects, possibly including a **PE lesson**, which is why you need to come in your **PE kit**.



EVERYTHING TO BRING

- Please arrive in your **primary PE kit**.
- You are welcome to wear your **leavers hoodie** if you have one.
- Please bring a **water bottle** that you can refill throughout the day.



No other equipment is required.



FOOD & DRINK

Food and drink will be provided throughout the day, free of charge.

Please ensure you have returned the **data collection forms** so we are aware of all dietary and medical needs in advance of the day.

TIMES OF THE DAY



8:00am – 8:30am Arrival from 8:00am
(Please arrive no later than 8:30am)



8:30am – 8:45am Registration



8:45am – 9:30am First year group assembly



9:30am – 10:15am Meet the form tutor



10:15am – 10:45am Taster lesson one



10:45am – 11:00am Break time – biscuits and juice



11:00am – 12:00pm Taster lesson two



12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch – hot lunch provided or children can bring a packed lunch if they choose



1:00pm – 1:45pm Taster lesson three



1:45pm – 2:25pm Taster lesson four



2:25pm – 3:00pm End of day assembly



3:00pm Dismissal from school



CONFIRM YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE & PLANS

Please complete the form below to confirm your child's attendance on Transition Day and let us know how they will be getting home. You will also be able to let us know if there is a current Fulwood Academy student your child would like to meet at the end of the day, and we will arrange for this to happen.



CLICK HERE

By 26th June 3pm

We can't wait to welcome your child to Fulwood Academy! ❤️





SUMMER SCHOOL

20th - 24th
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 4th July** to
secure your place.

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

ANY QUESTIONS OR QUERIES
Contact Mrs Holmes at
c.holmes@fulwoodacademy.co.uk



UNIFORM CHECKLIST

A lot of information has already been shared regarding uniform expectations for September but you can use this checklist to ensure your child has everything they need ready for joining Fulwood Academy.

Remember, the only pieces of uniform which **MUST** have the Fulwood Logo and therefore will need to be bought from our supplier, Monkhouse, are the school Blazer, school skirt and PE top.

While you are able to buy other pieces of uniform from Monkhouse, you can also buy non-logo alternatives as long as they meet the requirements below.

Girls - Main School Uniform	
Blazer – Royal blue with Academy crest	
Skirt - Blue checked with Fulwood Logo available from Monkhouse - worn with thick black tights	
Trousers – Grey, straight leg trousers, not jersey or lycra material	
Blouse – plain white, short/long sleeves	
Tie - Navy Blue plain available from Monkhouse	
Jumper with Academy Crest (optional)	
Plain/formal black shoes – no sports brands (Nike, Adidas), Converse, sandals, sling-	
A school bag – bug enough to fit A4 books and all belongings needed	
Girls - PE Kit	
Polo shirt: Navy/sky blue with Academy crest	
Skort or shorts: Official Fulwood Academy or Plain Black	
Zip up funnel neck jumper: Black with Academy crest (optional)	
PE Leggings – Monkhouse brand or plain thick sports leggings, no logos or mesh sections	
Socks: Navy/sky blue or white ankle socks/trainer socks	
Trainers (must not be canvas)	

UNIFORM CHECKLIST

Boys - Main School Uniform	
Blazer – Royal blue with crest	
Trousers – Grey straight leg trousers	
Shirt – Plain white, short/long sleeves	
Tie - Navy Blue plain available from Monkhouse	
Socks – Black	
Jumper – with Academy Crest (optional)	
Plain/formal black shoes – no sports brands (Nike, Adidas), Converse, sandals etc.	
A school bag – big enough to fit A4 books and all belongings needed	
Boys - PE Kit	
Polo shirt: Academy crest top only	
Shorts: Official Fulwood Academy or Plain Black	
Jogging bottoms: Official Fulwood Academy or Plain Black	
Zip up funnel neck jumper: Black with Academy crest (optional)	
Socks: Navy/sky blue or white ankle socks/trainer socks	
Trainers (must not be canvas)	
Football boots and shin pads	

At Fulwood Academy, we are a cashless school and we use ParentPay, a secure online payment system, that allows parents and carers to make payments quickly and easily.

ParentPay can be used to:

- Pay for school meals
- Purchase trips and visits
- Make payments for school activities and events
- View payment history and balances

Using ParentPay helps us reduce the amount of cash brought into school, making payments safer and more convenient for families.

All new parents and carers will receive activation details before their child starts at Fulwood Academy. Once activated, you can access your account online via a computer, tablet or smartphone, giving you 24-hour access to manage payments.

If you already have a ParentPay account for another child, you may be able to add your new Fulwood Academy account to your existing login, making it even easier to manage payments in one place.

Should you have any questions or require assistance with setting up your account, please contact the academy office, who will be happy to help.

For more information, visit www.parentpay.com.



MOBILE PHONE POLICY

Mobile phones are not allowed to be used or visible during the school day. This includes lessons, breaktimes, and lunchtimes.

Sanctions for mobile phone use:

First Occasion: Phone will be confiscated and handed to reception. The student can collect it at the end of the school day. An IMPACT referral will also be issued.

Second Occasion: Phone will be confiscated, and a parent/carers must come to school to collect it.

Why it matters: We believe in creating a focused learning environment, free from distractions and misuse of technology. Respecting this rule supports student wellbeing and academic success.



Reporting an Absence

If your child is unable to attend school, please contact the school on 01772 719060 as soon as possible. A parent or carer must notify the school on each day of absence. Any work missed during an absence should be completed upon your child's return to ensure they remain up to date with their learning.

Monitoring Attendance

All students are provided with an attendance card, which they keep in their blazer and review weekly with their form tutor. This helps students monitor their attendance and understand which attendance band they are currently in.

Our aim is for every student to remain in Band 1+, giving them the best opportunity to achieve their full potential. Where attendance falls into a lower band, school staff will work closely with students and families to provide support and help improve attendance.

Why Attendance is So Important

Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in a child's success at school. Being in school every day allows students to:

- Access high-quality teaching and learning.
- Develop their reading, writing and mathematical skills.
- Participate fully in lessons and enrichment activities.
- Build positive friendships and social connections.
- Develop routines, resilience and good habits for the future.

Even occasional absences can make it more difficult for students to keep up with learning and can impact both academic progress and wellbeing. By working together, we can ensure every child has the best possible opportunity to succeed.

RIDDLE TIME

LAST MONTHS RIDDLES - DID YOU GUESS RIGHT?

RIDDLE 1: WHAT HAS HANDS BUT CAN'T CLAP? A CLOCK

RIDDLE 2: WHAT HAS ONE EYE BUT CAN'T SEE? A NEEDLE

THIS MONTHS RIDDLES

RIDDLE 1: I SPEAK WITHOUT A MOUTH AND HEAR WITHOUT EARS. WHAT AM I?

RIDDLE 2: WHAT CAN TRAVEL AROUND THE WORLD WHILE STAYING IN THE SAME CORNER?

