TRANSITION NEWSLETTER

Fulwood academy

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

TRANSITION DAY 2026

On Thursday 2nd July, we were delighted to welcome our incoming Year 7 students to Fulwood Academy for their Transition Day, and what a fantastic day it was!

From the moment students arrived, they demonstrated enthusiasm, positivity and a real eagerness to embrace life at secondary school. Throughout the day, they took part in a range of activities designed to help them become familiar with the school, meet key staff, spend time with their new form groups and experience a selection of exciting taster lessons.

It was wonderful to see so many new friendships beginning to form, alongside the confidence and resilience that our future Year 7 cohort displayed as they navigated a new environment. Staff were incredibly impressed by the excellent behaviour, kindness and willingness to get involved shown by every student.

Transition Day is an important milestone, helping to ensure that students feel confident and excited about starting in September. We are incredibly proud of how well our new Year 7 group represented themselves and are looking forward to welcoming them back for the start of the new academic year.

We hope everyone has a fantastic summer, and we can't wait to officially welcome the '**Class of 2031**' to the Fulwood Academy community in September.

Mrs Holmes
Transition Lead

CLASS CHARTS

Staying Connected with ClassCharts

At Fulwood Academy, we use ClassCharts as our main communication platform with parents and carers. We strongly encourage all families to download the app before September so you can stay up to date with your child's school life.

Behaviour

Teachers use ClassCharts to recognise positive behaviour and achievements, as well as record any behaviour concerns. This allows you to celebrate successes with your child and discuss any issues promptly if they arise.

Homework

All homework is set through ClassCharts, making it easy for students and parents to see what has been set, when it is due and whether it has been completed. Regularly checking the homework section is a great way to support your child's learning at home.

Announcements

Important school information, reminders and updates are shared through the announcements feature. This helps ensure families receive key messages quickly and reduces the need for paper letters.

By checking ClassCharts regularly, you'll be able to keep informed, support your child's learning and stay connected with everything happening at Fulwood Academy.

Your account details will be sent home by the end of the first week in September. If you have an issues with the platform, these can be discussed at the Meet the Tutor Evening on 10th September 5.30-6.30pm.

ClassCharts

Parent Quick Start Guide for Class Charts

EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

Essential Equipment for September

To help every student make a positive start at Fulwood Academy, we ask that all Year 7 pupils come to school every day with the following equipment:

- Black writing pens (all work should be completed in black pen)
- Green pen (used to improve and correct work following feedback)
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Highlighters
- Calculator (Outlined below)
- Pencil case to keep equipment organised
- Refillable water bottle
- A suitable school bag large enough to carry books, equipment and school uniform items when needed

Having the correct equipment every day helps students to be ready to learn from the moment they arrive at school and supports them in developing good organisational habits.

Scientific Calculator

Throughout their time at Fulwood Academy, students will regularly use a Casio fx-83GT scientific calculator in Mathematics and other subjects. To ensure all students have the correct model, we have arranged for the school to purchase calculators in bulk.

The Casio fx-83GT calculator typically costs around £14.78 when purchased individually through retailers such as Amazon. By purchasing in bulk and subsidising part of the cost, we are able to support families purchasing the calculator for just £7.

If you would prefer to buy this directly yourself this is the link to the correct calcuator on Amazon - <<Click Here>>

Parents will be able to order a calculator through Parent Pay once they receive their login details during the summer holidays.

Calculators ordered through the school will then be issued to students during September. This ensures every student has the correct calculator from the beginning of the school year while keeping costs as low as possible for families.

COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL

Over the Summer

If you need to contact the school during the summer holiday, please email Mrs Holmes at c.holmes@fulwoodacademy.co.uk.
Emails will be monitored each Friday throughout the summer break. Please be aware that responses may take a little longer than usual if you email outside of these times. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

From September

Reports

Academic reports are issued at the end of each term, providing an update on your child's progress, attainment and effort across their subjects.

ClassCharts

ClassCharts is our main platform for home-school communication. Through the app you can:

- View positive behaviour points and behaviour incidents.
- Access homework and submission deadlines.
- Receive important school announcements and updates.

We encourage all parents and carers to check ClassCharts regularly.

Text Messages and Email

Urgent information, reminders and time-sensitive updates will be sent by text message and email. Please ensure that the school always has your most up-to-date contact details.

Day-to-Day Communication

Your child's Form Tutor is the first point of contact for routine queries. Where appropriate, we encourage students to communicate with staff themselves, helping them to develop independence and confidence.

Teaching staff will aim to respond to emails and telephone messages within 72 working hours.

COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL

Who Should I Contact?

Safeguarding Concerns
Miss Walker (Designated Safeguarding Lead) b.walker@fulwoodacademy.co.uk

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
Mrs Clipston (SENCO) h.clipston@fulwoodacademy.co.uk

Academic Queries
For subject-specific questions, please contact your child's class teacher directly. The easiest way to do this is by email. Due to teaching commitments we aim for all queries to be responded to within 72 working hours where possible. Please be away that as some of our teaching team are part time and this may effect response times.

Attendance
To report an absence please call 01772 719060 on each morning of your child's absence.
To report a planned absence such as unavoidable medical appointment you can also email attendance@fulwoodacademy.co.uk

Pastoral Support
For general pastoral concerns, please contact your child's Form Tutor in the first instance. If further support is required, please contact Mr Beesley (Head of Year 7) at m.beesley@fulwoodacademy.co.uk.

YEAR 7 FORM TUTORS

Most students will already have met their Form Tutor during Transition Day. However, a small number of tutors will be joining Fulwood Academy in September, so some students may not have had the opportunity to meet them yet.

You will receive an email on 16th July confirming your child's Form Group and Form Tutor for September. This will also contain a letter from your child's new Tutor introducing themselves and letting you know how to get in touch with them in September if you wish to.

THE DINING HALL

Students have a wide range of food and drink options available throughout the school day. Unlike many primary schools, there is no requirement to pre-order meals or commit to having either school dinners or packed lunches every day. Students are free to decide each day whether they would like to purchase food from the canteen or bring a packed lunch from home.

As part of our enhanced transition programme, Year 7 students have separate break and lunch times from the rest of the school during their first year. This helps them become familiar with the school environment and routines in a quieter setting while they settle into secondary school life.

Break Time
At break time, our hot food counter serves a selection of breakfast items and drinks. Popular choices include:

- Toast
- Bagels
- Sausage or bacon barms
- Pancakes
- A range of cold drinks

Lunchtime
At lunchtime, students can choose from two catering counters:

- Sandwich Counter – offering freshly made sandwiches, wraps and, during the winter months, homemade soup.
- Hot Food Counter – serving a variety of freshly prepared hot meals each day.

Our menu operates on a two-week rotation, with a wide variety of options available. The current menu can be found on the following page.

Paying for Food
Money can be added to your child's catering account through ParentPay. Alternatively, students may bring cash into school to top up their account using the cash-loading machines located in the dining area.

Students who are entitled to Free School Meals can use their allowance at lunchtime only. The current allowance is in line with the cost of a meal deal which is **£2.90 per day**, this includes either a hot meal or a sandwich, together with a drink and a dessert.

Individual items are priced separately, allowing students the flexibility to choose the food that best suits their appetite each day.

Parents can also use the ParentPay app to monitor their child's catering account, including what they have purchased and how much has been spent.

THE DINING HALL

Packed Lunches

Students are very welcome to bring a packed lunch and snacks for break time if they prefer.
To help us maintain a safe and healthy environment, we ask that students do not bring:

- Fizzy drinks
- Energy drinks
- Sweets
- Any products containing nuts

We encourage every student to bring a refillable water bottle to school each day so they can stay hydrated by using the water refill stations around the academy.

LUNCH MENU — WEEK 1

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Homemade creamy carbonara & vegetable tagliatelle served with garlic bread.	Katsu breaded chicken fillet sandwich.	Roast beef served with roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables, Yorkshire pudding & gravy.	Chicken Tikka curry served with boiled rice & vegetable samosa.	Oven baked battered fish fillet & chips. Served with curry, gravy or beans.
Quorn chilli wraps served with nachos (V)	Quorn pasta bake served with garlic bread. (V)	Quorn roast (V)	Mac 'n' cheese topped with oven baked tomato served with garlic bread. (V)	Pepperoni or cheese pizza available.

Jacket potatoes, pasta, panini's available on the hot counters.
Fresh cold sandwiches everyday.
Cakes, biscuits, yoghurts, fruit pots available everyday.

LUNCH MENU — WEEK 2

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Tomato & Chorizo rice served with Nachos.	Khobez wrap filled with hot chicken & salad.	Slow cooked gammon served with new potatoes ,seasonal vegetables & gravy.	Square sausage & mash, served with Yorkshire pudding & gravy.	Oven baked battered fish fillet & chips, served with curry, gravy or beans.
Quorn Korma served with rice & mini garlic naan. (V)	Vegetable frittata served with hash browns & beans. (V)	Breaded fish finger barm.	Quorn sausage & mash, served with Yorkshire pudding & gravy. (V)	Pepperoni or cheese pizza available.

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SUMMER PROJECTS

Throughout visits to Primary schools this term, Mrs Holmes has been delivering Transition Booklets to students joinining us in September. If youR child's school was unable to facilitate a visit, this booklet will be posted out at the start of the summer holidays so every child receieves their copy.

Within this booklet there are two summer tasks for students to complete as below, please encourage and support your child in completing this tasks. They do not need to be brought in for their first day in September, their form tutor will tell them when they should be brought in during the first week.

Transition Project

Year 6 to 7 Summer Transition Project
Summer Challenge:

Create a collage, on a piece of paper or card, to introduce yourself to your new classmates and teachers.

You will share this with your form group in the first week of September.

YOU COULD INCLUDE:

- ☐ Names or nicknames
- ☐ Hobbies and interests
- ☐ Favourite foods
- ☐ Favourite places
- ☐ Favourite books/texts
- ☐ Pet hates
- ☐ Images – photos or sketches
- ☐ Information about your pets
- ☐ Your hopes and ambitions
- ☐ Anything else of importance to you or interesting facts about you

RIDDLE TIME

LAST MONTHS RIDDLES - DID YOU GUESS RIGHT?

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

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

THIS MONTHS RIDDLES

RIDDLE 1: THE MORE YOU TAKE, THE MORE YOU LEAVE BEHIND. WHAT AM I?
RIDDLE 2: I HAVE KEYS BUT NO LOCKS, SPACE BUT NO ROOM, AND YOU CAN ENTER BUT NOT GO INSIDE. WHAT AM I?