

Year 7 Transition Information Booklet

Key Dates		
Thursday 4 th July	New Year 7 Induction day 1	8:20am – 2:45pm
Friday 5 th July	New Year 7 Induction day 2	8:20am – 2:45pm
Monday 12 th Aug – 16 th Aug	Summer School on the site your child has been allocated	8:30am -3pm
Wednesday 4 th Sept	Day 1 Autumn Term (Year 7 only will attend)	8:20am – 3:00pm
Monday 9 th Sept	Year 7 Photos	From 9am
Tuesday 8 th Oct (provisional)	Year 7 Settling in Evening	4:30pm – 6:30pm
Thursday 24 th April (provisional)	Year 7 Parents' Evening	3.15pm – 6.30pm

PARENT CHECKLIST

- ☐ Read the Essential Information Pack that was given to your child
- ☐ Log into Edulink One and check the information we hold is correct
- ☐ Apply for the <u>optional</u> 'TheBigStep' Transition Summer School by 1st July
- ☐ Order all Paignton Academy Uniform We advise to order with Proserve before end of July
- ☐ Be familiar with and visit the "Year 6 into Year 7" page on the website
- ☐ Support your child to acquire everything on the equipment list for September









Induction Days

Arrival – On Thursday your child can arrive between 8am and 8:20am via the main gate and will be escorted to the hard court by staff. On both days the new students will finish at 2:45pm; the rest of the Academy will finish at 3pm as normal.

Uniform

<u>Thursday</u> – Your child should attend wearing their normal **primary school uniform** for the day.

<u>Friday</u> – Your child will need to attend in their **primary PE kit**, wearing additional items of their primary school uniform or tracksuit bottoms if required.

Attendance – If your child is unable to attend for any reason, please either call our Attendance Team on 01803 **403721** or alternatively email: attendance@paigntonacademy.org. We do need to be notified, ideally before 8:30am.

Lunch – Students will be able to use the canteen to eat their packed lunch. We will give them an extended lunchtime for both days as moving through the canteen can take longer as it is a new process for the students. **Students wanting to purchase food from the canteen will need to bring in money on the two induction days.** We will register them all for the catering system on Thursday morning. Torbay Council supplies us with an updated list of those children eligible for free school meals so that will be available for those students.

Lunch Time Activities – Students will be able to use the use the library, the field for football and we will notify students if any other clubs are available.

Transport – At the end of the day there are high levels of traffic immediately around the Academy. The car park is usually full and is closed between 2:55pm – 3:10pm. Many parents find it easier to meet their children a short walk from the Academy which makes it safer for our students. Some parents ask their children to wait for a few minutes and they pick them up 5 or 10 minutes later when the traffic around the Academy has eased. Please can we ask you to drive responsibly around Borough Road and park appropriately to help our neighbours access driveways at all times.

Praise – Reward Points - Over the two days students will be able to earn reward points when they are successful. From September they will be able to log into Classcharts and view their total points. Students can convert their points into items from the online shop. To give all students a chance to build points, the shop will open in October.

Golden Tickets

During each lesson one student will be awarded a golden ticket and we will draw out one golden ticket for each tutor group at the end of the two days to receive a prize.

Tutor Groups – We know the students will enjoy these two days, allowing them to make new friends, sample the environment of the Academy, find their way around and become confident about joining us in September. They have all been assigned a tutor group and they will register in this group for morning registration and be taught in this class for their lessons over the two induction days. These groups will be their registration groups in September and might be subject to change when students start at the Academy. In Maths, English, PE PE and PSHE the teaching groups will be set differently; therefore students will also be in lessons with students who are not in their tutor groups.

The tutors will be:

7BB1 Miss Gove **7BE1** Mrs Connell **7BG1** Mrs Craw **7BP1** Mr Lovering **7BB2** Mrs Smerdon **7BP2** Mr Avery

Summer School – In the Summer Holidays during the week beginning the 12th of August there is a one week Year 6 to 7 Transition programme led by 'The Big Step'. This will be a fantastic opportunity for students to make new friends, take part in a range of fun activities and become excited about starting in September. There will be a cost for this, you can book on and further information can be found here - https://thebigstep.org/

Finally, we are extremely excited to be welcoming all of our new students in to the Academy and beginning this next part of their educational journey with them and we are really looking forward to getting to know your child during their time here.

Working together, we want to ensure your child is as successful as they can be during their secondary phase of education.

This is an exciting time with plenty of new opportunities for your child and we are confident your child will quickly make new friends, develop a rapport with the teachers and find their way around the school buildings.