



WICKERSLEY SCHOOL AND SPORTS COLLEGE

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Y6 – Y7 Transition Programme 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

As a learning community, with the needs of our children very much at its centre, we would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Y6 students as they move towards becoming a student at Wickersley School and Sports College. We look forward to working with you in the years ahead to ensure that your child achieves success and develops as an individual, both academically and socially.

As such we would like to invite you to a parents Core Subject Induction Evening at Wickersley School and Sports College on **Thursday 25th April** in order to meet some of the English, Maths and Science staff and find out more relevant information. We also have 2 other evening events for your child to attend. Our Year 6 Non-Core Information Evening on **Thursday 16th May** allows students to take part in taster sessions in their non-core subjects and on **Tuesday 25th June** students are invited into school to meet their tutors. You will receive more information about these events nearer the time and this will be shared with you via email.

Whilst we can make no promises, we will try to place pupils in the same tutor group as a chosen friend to help their transfer to Wickersley School and Sports College. You should be aware that, as the year progresses, in a number of subjects, students are placed in sets according to ability, so they may not always be with their chosen friend in these classes. Nevertheless, this is an ideal opportunity to make new friends and learn resilience - an important aspect of school life.

We are looking forward to many years of working with you and your child to ensure that you are fully informed and that they enjoy and benefit from a smooth and progressive transition to secondary school.

To aid a seamless transition, please visit our school website: <https://www.wickersley.net/parents/transition/>. In this section of the website you will be able to complete the Y6 Admission Form using the password WSSC2024! (please note the password is case sensitive). Please ensure that the form is completed no later than **Monday 25th March**.

Prior to completing the form please ensure you have read the Transition Booklet which contains relevant information you or your child may need to help with their transition from primary to secondary school. Please allow approximately 30 minutes to complete the form and ensure you have the following information available prior to completion.

- Up to 3 emergency contacts, including name, address, home phone number, work phone number, mobile telephone number, email addresses.
- 3 pupils' names who your child would like to be in a form with (only one friend is guaranteed)
- GP's full contact details.

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the school on 01709 542147 and request a pack to be posted to your home address.

In order to ensure that you and your child are as fully prepared as possible, we would like to share with you some important dates for your diaries:

Monday 25th March - The deadline for returning your completed admissions information.

Thursday 25th April - Core Subject Induction Evening

Thursday 16th May - No-core Induction Evening

Tuesday 25th June - Meet the Tutor

Monday 1st July – Your child will start full time at Wickersley School and Sports College.

School meals: At Wickersley School and Sports College, our catering team offers students a range of dining options to allow students access to healthy and fulfilling food throughout the day. Our catering areas are open to students early morning and at both break and lunch times offering a range of dining options. [Please click here to view the current menu options.](#)

We use Biometrics authentication, this is a cashless system where the child places his/her finger on the scanner, the software matches their finger image with the unique digital signature held in the database. An image of the student's finger will be taken when they meet their Tutor. Parents/carers can top up their child's allowance by using Parent Pay.

Free School Meals: If you think your child might be eligible for free school meals, submit a claim via [RMBC's website](#). The information you provide will be used to check if you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit and, if you are on Universal Credit, that your earnings do not exceed the threshold. The daily allowance allocated is £2.65. Please note that this cannot be rolled over to the next day if it is not all used and if the student goes beyond the daily allowance then this will need to be paid by the parent/carer.

Uniform: We are pleased to announce that **from September 2024**, we will be making changes to our school uniform including the introduction of a new school jumper. As well as reducing costs, these changes will also have a positive impact on our environment, including making uniform recycling through our own Uniform Bank much easier. More details will be provided at the transition events and on our school website in April 2024.

We will be in touch again soon with more information about the Core Subject Induction Evening. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Alderson halderson@wickersley.net

Once again, a very warm welcome to Wickersley School and Sports College. My staff and I are excited by the prospect of working with you. The combination: home, school and student will prove to be unbeatable.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Hardcastle
Headteacher