

WICKERSLEY SCHOOL AND SPORTS COLLEGE

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HEADTEACHER: Mr T Hardcastle

Re: Year 6 – Year 7 Transition Programme 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Wickersley School and Sports College extends a warm welcome to our new Year 6 students and their families. As a learning community that prioritises children, we look forward to partnering with you to support your child's academic and social development. This letter contains essential information regarding your child's transition and key dates for your calendar.

Firstly, we'd like to invite you to our Core Subject Induction Evening on Thursday 1st May. This is an opportunity to meet our English, Maths, and Science staff and learn about the core curriculum. Additionally, your child is invited to two further events: A Non-Core Information Evening with taster sessions on Thursday, 22nd May, and a Transition meeting with our support team on Thursday, 26th June. More information about these events will be sent via email nearer the time.

Student groups

Year 6 students will start in induction form groups during our transition programme to help them settle in. In September, they'll move to their permanent form groups. Some students will also access extra literacy support through intervention groups, based on individual assessments. Please note that students will also be placed in ability-based sets for certain subjects. This provides a valuable opportunity for them to expand their social circle, make new friends, and develop resilience, which are crucial skills for their success at Wickersley. We work closely with primary schools to support a successful transition for every student.

Year 6 Admission Form

To help with the transition, you'll find everything you need on our website: https://www.wickersley.net/parents/transition/. Please fill out the Year 6 Admission Form using the password WSSC2025! (case-sensitive). We need the forms back by Monday, 24th March 2025. The form takes approximately 30 minutes to complete. Please read the **Transition Booklet** before filling out the form. It contains important information to support your child's transition to secondary school. Please gather the following information before you begin:

- Up to 3 emergency contacts: name, address, home, work, and mobile phone numbers, and email addresses.
- GP's name, address, and phone number.

For those without internet access, please contact the school at 01709 542147 to request a pack be sent to your home address.



Key dates

To help make sure you and your child are fully ready, here are some important dates to remember:

- Monday, 24th March: Admissions information deadline
- Thursday, 1st May: Core Subject Induction Evening
- Thursday, 22nd May: Non-Core Induction Evening
- Thursday, 26th June: Rollover Information Evening
- Monday, 30th June: Your child begins full-time at Wickersley School and Sports College

School meals

Students can choose from a variety of healthy and fulfilling meals provided by our catering team. Our catering areas are open before school, during breaks, and at lunchtime. <u>Please click here to view the current menu options</u>.

Our cashless system uses biometric authentication. Students place their finger on a scanner, and the system compares their fingerprint to a unique digital signature stored in our database. A fingerprint scan will be taken during tutor meetings. Parents and carers can add funds to their child's account using Parent Pay.

Free School Meals

If you believe your child is eligible, please apply online through the <u>RMBC's website</u>. Your application will be assessed based on qualifying benefits and, if you receive Universal Credit, that your earnings do not exceed the threshold. The daily meal allowance is £3.00. Please note that unused allowance does not carry over, and any spending above the £3.00 limit must be covered by parents/carers.

Uniform

Information relating to school uniforms can be found on our school website and will be explained during the transition evenings.

And finally...

Further details regarding the **Core Subject Induction Evening** will be sent shortly. Please direct any queries to our Transition Team at transition@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: of home, school and student will prove to be unbeatable.

Yours faithfully,

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Mr Hardcastle Headteacher