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Parent Letter No 112
(Prospective Year 9 students)

Dear Parent/Carer

YEAR 8 TRANSITION INFORMATION PACK

As we are in the final term of this academic year, your thoughts are no doubt turning towards the year ahead and your child's transition to High School. We have already been working very closely with our feeder schools in order to ensure that transition is as smooth as possible. Hopefully over the coming weeks, your child will begin to recognise some familiar faces from the various assemblies and events that are organised ready for the next academic year. There are some key dates for your diaries that will provide both parents and pupils with the opportunity to get to know us better:

<p>Tuesday 13 June 1800^{hrs}</p> <p>Wolgarston information evening for Parents only at Wolgarston High School</p>	<p>Year 8 Prospective parents information evening for Penkridge Middle and Brewood Middle parents – The Senior Leadership team and House Leaders will give a short presentation on a number of different key areas of priority for Wolgarston.</p> <p>There will be an opportunity for parents to ask questions before and after this event.</p> <p>Please use the office@wolgarston.staffs.sch.uk email if there are any specific details that you would like to be covered during the presentation.</p>
<p>Wednesday 21 June at Brewood Middle School (0900^{hrs}) For Students only</p>	<p>House Leaders Assembly to students at Brewood Middle School to give an explanation of the House and Pastoral Care systems.</p>
<p>Friday 23 June at Penkridge Middle School (1430^{hrs}) For Students only</p>	<p>House Leaders Assembly to students at Penkridge Middle School to give an explanation of the House and Pastoral Care systems.</p>
<p>Friday 23 June (Afternoon)</p>	<p>Tutor group allocation information will be sent to feeder schools.</p>
<p>Tuesday 27 June 1645 to 1815^{hrs}</p> <p>Uniform sales at Wolgarston High School</p>	<p>Sales of badges and ties. <i>Cash only sales for Wolgarston items.</i></p> <p>Crested School Wear uniform sales and sizing. <i>Card and cash.</i></p> <p>Pre-Loved uniform sales (limited stock). <i>Cash only sales.</i></p> <p>Please ensure that the uniform policy is studied carefully before purchasing uniform items. In particular I would like to invite you to ensure that school shoes fall in line with the guidance in the policy. Pictures in the policy make it very clear as to what is and is not acceptable footwear.</p>
<p>Wednesday 5 July at Wolgarston High School</p>	<p>Year 8 Induction Day – all new students attend Wolgarston High School for the day.</p> <p><u>Brief information is in this letter. A full itinerary for the day will be explained to students on 5 July.</u></p>

Wednesday 28 June to Monday 17 July	Year 8 Pupil and Parent meetings with Wolgarston tutor. (Information is in this letter). Appointments will be made for a mutually convenient time within the period. ** Please complete and return the attached contact form to make sure that we have up to date information to enable us to make the appointment**
Wednesday 6 September Year 9 start at Wolgarston	The day starts at 0900 ^{hrs} . Students should be on site by 0850 ^{hrs} .

We are busy making arrangements for our new tutor groups. We work closely with feeder schools in terms of gaining a picture of students' strengths and assets as an individual. With regards to tutor groups, **we do not put students in friendship groups and instead aim for a full mixture in each tutor class.** Tutor time is for 20 minutes each day, this time makes up a very small fraction of the timetable at the school. Wolgarston uses a vertical tutoring system at the school. There will be an even mix of Year 9, 10 and 11 students in each form.

If your child has siblings already in the School and you want to request that we put your children together in the same tutor group please contact the school by Friday 9th June. You can do this by calling 01785 788400 or by email to office@wolgarston.staffs.sch.uk

INDUCTION DAY

The learning visit for all our prospective Year 9 students takes place on **Wednesday 5th July 2023.** Your child will spend a day with us, experiencing a special programme of lessons and becoming acquainted with the facilities and layout of the school.

Students from Brewood Middle School - Coaches have been arranged to transport Brewood Middle School students from their own school and will deliver them back to Middle School at the end of the day. Students will arrive as normal at Brewood and the bus will then collect them at 0900hrs. The bus will return them to Brewood at about 1500^{hrs} – 1515^{hrs} ready for the normal school finish.

Students from Penkridge Middle School should make their own way directly to Wolgarston and arrive between 0930hrs and 0940hrs and will be released to make their own way home or to be collected between 1500^{hrs} and 1515^{hrs}. Students will meet them on arrival and show them where to go. If you need to drop them off slightly earlier, please contact us on 01785 788400 to confirm. Please do not send students any earlier without contacting us first. In order to keep to our risk assessment on the day it is important for the school to stay as close to timings as possible.

All other students joining the school should arrive at 09.15hrs and be collected at 1515hrs.

All students must attend in their full, current uniform and bring with them a well-equipped pencil case and trainers will also be needed. Students must bring a packed lunch. As we have a cashless system in school it is not possible to offer students the chance to buy food from the school canteen on this day. Where free school meals are required, please make arrangements with your current school for this day, or contact the Wolgarston office if you need further support.

STUDENT AND PARENT TUTOR MEETINGS

In order that we may secure a strong and successful relationship between school and home and to provide the most effective support for Year 8 students in the transfer process, we invite all our parents/carers to accompany their child to meet with their new House Tutor before the end of term. This meeting provides an opportunity for parents, students and tutors to exchange information and will enable you to get to know your tutor. The house tutor will be the key point of contact for you throughout your child's time at Wolgarston.

So that we have your most up-to-date information, please complete the form on the QR code or link below:



<https://forms.office.com/e/U6ptCUCiQ9>

Tutors will be getting in touch with you and meetings will take place between Wednesday 28 June and Monday 17 July.

Both myself and tutors are very much looking forward to meeting your child over the coming weeks. I appreciate that this can be a worrying time for children (and their parents!) so if you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 01785 788400 or office@wolgarston.staffs.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

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