



Dear Parents and Carers

## **Year 7 Kimberley School 2018**

As we come to the end of this half term, we thought it would be helpful to bring together some important information about transition activities that are happening in June and July.

1. You should have already received **an invitation for your child to attend the two induction clubs**. If you haven't yet responded to this then you can do so using this [online form](#)
2. **Full details of the school uniform for September 2018** are available on our website using this [link](#). The website sets out where you can buy the uniform. There are also two uniform "pop-up" shops at the school on Wednesday 18th July from 3 – 6pm and Thursday 19th July 3 – 6pm. **Please do not purchase a school tie until we have told you the tutor group and house your child will be in.**
3. All Year 6 students will be **attending Induction Days at Kimberley School on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July**. The first day will concentrate on getting to know their tutor and other students in their tutor group. The day will include assembly, team-building activities and a tour around the school. On day two, the students will take part in a series of normal lessons across the school; current year 7 students will support both days. The information below should help you prepare for the induction days:
  - Students should arrive in time to be in the school hall at 8.40am on each day.
  - Both days finish at 2:50pm
  - Students can then make their own way home or you can collect them from the front of school.
  - They will need a pen and pencil and should wear their primary school uniform
  - School meals can be purchased with cash on the induction days or alternatively you can provide a packed lunch. Students on free school meals will have a meal provided for them.
4. **Parents and Carers are invited to attend an Induction Evening at 6:00pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July**. This evening is for parents and carers only and we would be grateful if your child did not attend the event. This will be an opportunity for you to meet key staff including your child's tutor and to understand what you can do to support your child in making a successful start to life at Kimberley School in September.
5. Our website does contain all details of the school calendar for [2018-2019](#). The most important date for you to be aware of is that **school starts for all students on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018**.

6. Finally, you will be aware that our pastoral teams are starting to place students into tutor groups for Year 7. Our experience tells us that this can be one of the most problematic aspects of the transition and it may be helpful to remind you of how we do this.

The tutor group is the group in which the students register and are taught some of their lessons. In many lessons the students are mixed with others from across the year group – for instance in core subjects where students are grouped by ability; and in practical lessons where group sizes are smaller for health and safety reasons.

Our priority is to place students into tutor groups where they will work best. It is important to note that this may not necessarily be with all of their friends. **Indeed, experience shows us children integrate more efficiently into school if they are mixed up a little and make new friends.** It may help your child if you could explain this to your child so that they are aware that we will do all we can to place them in a tutor group where we think they will be successful, but that this may not necessarily be with all their friends. If this is the case, then they should be reassured that there will be many lessons across the school where they are in different groups and that they will not be in every lesson with their tutor group.

We have a common approach to information sharing with all primary schools, one element of this is the teacher's professional opinion on who works well together and who, in their opinion, should be kept apart if at all possible. It is our experience that this information on working relationships is most useful if it comes from the schools who have worked with the children in Key Stages 1 and 2 and so we do not directly consult parents or pupils on this. If you feel that there is any sensitive information for us to be aware of then please contact your primary school who will share this with us as they feel appropriate.

We do hope that you find this information useful. If you do have any questions, then please do contact reception who will do the best they can to answer your question or to direct it to someone who can do so.

Thank you,

The Kimberley School