



Learning to shape the future

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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 6 Learners,

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well.

Many of you may have already accessed the Upton High School website recently, in particular our Transition section, dedicated to parents, carers and learners who will join our family in September. If you were not aware of this site, or have not been on there recently, then I would recommend that you take a look. It can be found from the Parents link on the home screen. The Transition section will be updated regularly over the next few months and recent entries include introductions from myself and Miss Bardsley (Year 7 Pastoral Manager, 2021-22), and a new video to introduce you to the school. The video includes the views of some of our current Year 7 learners and how they have found their first year at Upton High School. Furthermore, during the next half-term we will be releasing a presentation aimed at providing information specifically about this transition phase and what to expect. This will also include ideas and suggestions on how parents can play their part in helping this important phase to be as successful as possible.

Over the coming weeks we will gradually be introducing you to the Year 7 Form Tutors for September, one of whom will soon be welcoming your child to our school and taking care of them as they begin their journey through their time as an Upton High School learner. The last time I wrote to you, myself and Miss Bardsley had visited, or met on-line, most of the Year 6 learners to introduce ourselves, deliver a presentation and answer questions about joining the school. At the time of writing, we have seen almost all of those who are joining us. If we have not yet done so, then we hope to do this very soon as part of my meetings with Year 6 teachers, which I am currently undertaking to find out more about each and every one of your children who are joining us.

Thank you to all of you for returning your information packs. These, along with the discussions we have with primary school teachers, will help us to generate the tutor groups. As you might imagine, ensuring we get the correct balance of groups can take some time, but we hope to be able to make an announcement on these by the early part of mid-June.

In relation to the creation of tutor groups, whilst we may not be able to place learners with their very best friend, our intention is to ensure that, where possible, learners are placed with other learners from their current primary school who they get on well with. Similarly, we will try to place learners who arrive alone, or in small groups from their primary school, with others we feel they are likely to bond well with, given the information we become aware of.

Once the groups are formed, and any necessary adjustments made, we should be ready to, subject to Government guidance permitting, be able to receive our new cohort for our Transition Days. This is on the calendar for Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th July and we wait for further guidance before making a more detailed announcement to you to confirm this will take place and the resulting arrangements.





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Until then, we hope your child is enjoying their final few months at their primary school and all which that brings. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the transition team on: transition21@uptonhigh.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Wearden.
Head of Year 7, 2021-22.

