

Dear parents/ carers,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new year 7 students, in September.

The first two days of our school term will be dedicated to ensuring that our year 7 students feel settled and excited about their new start. During this time, they will be the only year group in school to give them some space to adjust and familiarise themselves with the new environment.

The two days will include activities that are centred on our school values: kindness, aspiration and knowledge. This will include interactive STEM workshops, oracy workshops and a visiting theatre production.

Students are not required to wear uniform during the transition days- they should wear clothes that they find comfortable to move around in.

Students are welcome to bring in packed lunches but there will also be hot food available to purchase on both days. We do encourage all students to bring in a water bottle.

If you have any queries about the September transition days, please complete this form and we will get back to you:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=wAaJMHYGo02enKbojRmFAki8ltjCFORMomEbOaeRz-5UNjhHRig00TUwRzVXQzRCVkfQR1dHMzUySC4u>

A more detailed overview of both days has been included below:

September Transition Days	
Thursday 1st September 10:00am to 15:00pm	Friday 2nd September 10:00am to 14: 30pm
10:00- Students should arrive via main reception. Students will head straight into the main hall for their welcome assembly.	10:00- Students should arrive via main reception. Students will walk straight to the main yard and line up in their forms.
10: 15 to 12: 30 Session 1.	10:00 to 12:00 Session 3.
12: 30 to 13:00 Lunch.	12: 00 to 12: 30 Lunch.
13: 00 to 15:00	12: 30 to 14: 30

Session 2.	Travelling theatre production.
15:00	14: 30
Students to leave school via main reception.	Students to leave school via main reception.

From Monday 5th September, we will be welcoming all year groups back to school- students will be required to wear uniform. The plan for year 7 students on this day is detailed below:

Monday 5th September Arrive at school at 8: 45
09.00 -10.00 Vision and values. Form time.
10.00 – 10.45 Vison and values.
10.45 – 11.00 Break time. 11.00- 12.00 Form time.
12.00 – 13.00 Lunch.
13.00 – 14.00 Behaviour and keeping safe.
14.00 – 15.00 Keeping safe in the event of a fire.

From Tuesday 6th September, students will follow their timetable which will start on Tuesday, week A. Students will be issued with these timetables on the Monday and will have plenty of opportunities to ask any questions about this.

If you need any further information, please visit the transition page of our school website which is updated regularly: <https://www.birchwoodhigh.org/y6-transition/>

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to wish you a restful summer and thank you again for choosing Birchwood Community High School to support the next chapter of your child's education.

Kind regards,

Nicky Jones

Assistant Headteacher