

30th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to be welcoming you into the Fitzharrys School community as we begin our five-year journey together, which will see your child take their next steps in 2029! Our ethos is *Aspiration, Opportunity, Integrity*, and here at Fitzharrys we are committed to doing all we can to ensure our students have the knowledge, skills and experiences they will need to set them up for every future success by the end of their time with us. Our excellent transition programme is designed to ensure students settle in very quickly, enabling them to make a flying start at Fitzharrys School.

TRANSITION INFORMATION EVENING

Welcome to your Information Evening. This will entail a presentation relaying all the key information you will need for your child's transition to Fitzharrys School, an introduction to key staff, and a chance to meet some of the other parents and students who are joining us in September.

You will have picked up your Transition Pack as you entered reception. This contains the following key information to help you and your child in your induction:

Information	Forms that must be returned on your Induction Evening (26 th June 2024)	Forms to be returned on your Induction Evening if applicable
Transition to Year 7: Brief Guide Booklet	Pupil Enrolment form	FSA Volunteer form (Find this on p2. of FSA Newsletter)
Term Dates		FSA 200 Club Application form
Uniform and Equipment list		
Price and Buckland Uniform booklet		
FSA Newsletter		

Please note:

- the Pupil Enrolment form is applicable to all and should be completed and returned to us during your Induction Evening on 26th June.
- communications regarding parental consent for trips/events, and permissions for the use of images (photos/video) of your child, will be sent out to parents and carers early in September.

INDUCTION DAY & INDUCTION EVENING

On **Wednesday 26th June**, your child will attend Fitzharrys for their **Induction Day**, which will run from **9am until 3.05pm**. Over the course of the day, they will start to find their way around the school and meet their tutors and the students in their form groups. They will experience taster lessons, begin to make new friends, and meet our student Buddies: friendly faces from our existing Year 7 who will also be there to support new starters in September. Your child should arrive at Reception at 9am, where they will be greeted by staff and taken through to the school hall to begin their induction. They should wear their primary school uniform, and bring their PE kit as well as a pen, pencil, ruler, and colour pencils. Fitzharrys School will provide free hot lunches; vegetarian and vegan options will be available. If your child has specific dietary requirements, please discuss these with Ms Emeny, Head of Year 7 & Transition, or email: kemeny@fitzharrys.school. Please do bring a packed lunch instead if this is preferable.

At **6.30pm** that same day, we will have an **Induction Evening** for parents; we would be pleased to see your son/daughter attend with you. You will have the chance to meet your child's tutor, as well as fellow students and parents from their tutor group, and the attending children will have an opportunity to share all they have done earlier in the day. **Don't forget to bring your completed pupil enrolment form and any other relevant documents to hand in!**

UNIFORM

Both tonight during our Information Evening, and then again on Induction Evening on 26th June, sample blazers and other sample branded uniform items will be available if you would like your child to try on uniform for size before ordering online from our supplier: **Price and Buckland**. You will be able to purchase school ties at the cost of £7 each – **please note that ties are only available to purchase directly from the school**. There will also be an opportunity to purchase second-hand uniform. Please see the accompanying uniform list in your Transition Pack for further details, or consult the school website at:

<https://www.fitzharrys.oxon.sch.uk/school-life/uniform/>

SUPPORT SESSIONS

To further support you and your child as you make the big step up to secondary school, our SENCo and School Nurse, supported by CAMHS, are offering opportunities to meet and receive coaching on: *How to manage anxieties about moving to secondary school*. These meetings will begin with a talk exploring helpful strategies, followed by a Q&A session, and resources will be shared for you to take home.

Sessions will be held on **Tuesday 9th July**, the first being scheduled to take place in our school library from **9.30 – 10.50am**, with a repeat session in the evening running from **5.00 – 6.30pm**. These sessions are open to all, there is no need to book, just come along on the day. We will run **follow-up sessions** on **Thursday 3rd October** to listen to your experiences and plan further support where needed; details of these further sessions will be published on the school website, on our **Transition from Year 6 webpage**, in due course.

We understand that the move to secondary school can be a worrying time for some students and believe a visit to one of these sessions can really improve your family's experience of Transition.

If you have any queries, we are always very pleased to help, so don't hesitate to ask staff during our Transition events or email the school office. In addition, please note our **Transition from Year 6** webpage is regularly updated and contains a wealth of information that will be useful throughout your transition journey.

<https://www.fitzharrys.oxon.sch.uk/joining-us/transition-from-year-6/>

We hope you have an enjoyable Information Evening.

Yours sincerely,



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