

5th June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are now aware, your child has secured a place at Monkseaton High School for September 2024, and it is with great pleasure that I write to welcome you to our school community.

The next few months will be both an exciting and potentially daunting time for students as they come to the end of their time in their current schools and prepare for a new start in September. We are aware that moving schools can be unsettling, so it is with this in mind that we have planned several transition opportunities for our new intake. We have devised a series of events, interactions and meetings to be sure we have as much information as possible about our new students, but more importantly, that they themselves have opportunities to get to know us and their new school.

There are several events taking place that will include all students, and further activities and sessions that have been arranged to ensure the needs of all students are met and that we make appropriate provision in advance of them attending full time next year. Mr Carl Angell Moir, Year 9 Year Leader and Mr David Walton, SENDCo, have been in regular contact with all our feeder schools to ensure that we know as much as possible about our new students, to enable us to make the transition as smooth as possible.

Transition days are vitally important to prepare students for their move in September, both in terms of settling nerves and also to understand the ethos of Monkseaton High School and begin to feel part of our community. The main transition days will take place on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd July. Students should arrive at Monkseaton High School on both days at 8:45am wearing their current school uniform.

On Tuesday 2nd July, students will be guided into the Sports Hall for an introduction assembly and placed in form groups, which have been created with support from their current school. Students will then meet their tutor and receive information about the transition days. The remainder of the day will see students taking part in a range of activities from both our subject teachers and external providers, which will give them a taste and flavour of the school. On Wednesday 3rd July, students will take part in a skills building event, have time with their form tutor for ice breaker activities and to receive information about September, and finish the day with sessions from our subject teachers.

Students may bring a packed lunch or can select the transition day hot meal deal from our canteen at lunchtime free of charge. Both days will finish at 3:15pm when students will leave our site.

We are holding an information evening for parents and carers on Wednesday 3rd July starting at 5.30pm. There will be a presentation at 5.45pm, repeated again at 6.15pm. Please book tickets for your preferred time slot via this link: <https://bit.ly/MHStransition> This is an open invitation for parents/carers and students to come to the school for a visit and hear from various members of staff who will update you on the school and the transition process for September.

We will also have samples of our uniform available along with information on how to order from our uniform supplier. Please note, there is only one supplier that stocks our uniform; any others you may come across are not licensed to do so and do not carry the correct school logo.

If you have any queries regarding the transition process, please do not hesitate to contact to contact us on office@monkseaton.org.uk who will direct your query to the appropriate member of staff.

Yours faithfully,

Mr C Drew
Headteacher