

Haydon School



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Dear Parent / Carer,

Re Haydon School Virtual Transition

Headteacher:
Mr R Jones BSc(Econ) MBA NPQH

We are delighted to hear that your child has accepted a place at Haydon School and will be joining us in September. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your family to our school community and look forward to meeting you all in September. We are mindful that the government has not yet specified when schools will fully re open, so I would like to introduce you to this year's virtual transition process, what this involves and the resources / support available to you.

Due to the current pandemic we will be operating a virtual transition this summer term. We understand that transition is often a time where students feel both excited and anxious and we would like to reassure you that we will support your child in whatever way we can so that when they start Haydon School on their first day they are confident and ready to start their journey here at Haydon School.

Student Data registration form

Previously you have received a welcome letter from our Headteacher, Mr Jones and he mentioned our student registration process. I would like to remind you that this information will be available to access from Monday 01 June 2020. It can be located by clicking on the 'Transition' button on our homepage and selecting 'Year 7 Welcome Information', please read through the available documents and complete the student data Collection Form.

This must be completed for each Year 7 starter, transitioning from Primary School to Secondary in September 2020. Please also note that if you have twins joining us in Year 7, a separate electronic form must be completed for each child.

If you have any questions prior to submitting your transition data please contact the admissions department on admissions@haydonschool.org.uk and we will be happy to assist you.

Virtual transition video content will be made available for you to view on our website. The content can be found in the 'Year 7 Virtual Transition' area located under 'Transition' on our website, you may also find other useful downloadable PDFs.

In the month of June, we will be contacting our feeder schools, to find out more information about your child so that we can allocate students to a specific form group. We do not place students into form groups based on friendship groups, but we take great care and consideration to ensure each form has a balance of students based on the information we receive working in partnership with primary schools. Our aim is to ensure that each child is given the support they need to reach their full potential and that is why it is so important to gather as much information as we can regarding your child.

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Our SENCO, Mrs Evans and Mrs Casey work closely with the Pastoral team. We also have our Link Team who work closely with us (Mrs Longhurst and Miss Masterson). Both teams work together with us to support and identify students who have a Special Educational Need and / or disability and / or SEMH (Social Emotional Mental Health Need). Mrs Evans will be in contact with those families, who have been identified by the primary feeder schools to offer advice, guidance and support.

In regard to uniform, we are using a new supplier BEATS, please see use the link below to obtain more information on the services they offer. Uniform can be purchased online, you can use click and collect service or book an appointment at their Watford branch. [[Click Here](#)]

After half term, we will begin the virtual transition process and we will be sharing the following information and resources with you, which will be uploaded to the 'Year 7 Virtual Transition' area located under the 'Transition' tab on our website.

Timeline of events

Week Beginning:

01 June 2020 - Welcome message from our Headteacher and introduction to our Pastoral Team

1. A Welcome Video message from our Headteacher and the Year 7 Year Leader Mrs Hitchman
2. Virtual tour of Haydon School by our Deputy Year Leader Mr Baglan
3. Staff begin induction - Virtual Conference calls to primary feeder schools

08 June 2020 -Understanding our Relationship Charter and Meeting the SEND team

A Welcome Video message from Headteacher and the Year 7 Pastoral Team, Mrs Hitchman and Mr Baglan

4. Getting ready for transition to primary school
5. Introduction about the school expectations and the Relationship Charter
6. Introduction of Key Staff
 - SEND Team
 - Link Team
 - Safeguarding Team

15 June 2020 - Haydon Transition Challenge and chance to ask Haydon students frequently asked questions

7. Begin your Haydon Transition Challenge, over the summer, try and do as many activities as you can so when you join us in September, we will ask you to share what you have done!
<https://www.hachette.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Getting-Ready-to-Go-Big-2020.pdf>
8. Frequently Asked Questions - Year 6 students can submit questions about Year 7 and school in general via our Twitter page.
9. Parents can register for a ParentPay account to buy the book that accompanies our transition pack (Be Awesome Go Big). More information on activating your ParentPay account will follow shortly in a separate correspondence.

29 June 2020 - Getting to Know your Form Tutor and Transition Pack

10. A bespoke letter or video from your child's new tutor
11. A series of curriculum related activities and challenges we ask students to complete ready to join us

06 July 2020 - Meet and Greet virtually with your form tutor

12. Tutors will contact their form group by phone to introduce themselves and to find out more about their tutees and to offer extended support in preparation for September.
13. Students begin their transition activities from the project Be Awesome Go Big
14. Information from Curriculum Leaders about what to expect in Year 7

We will do all that we can to support you to make the transition process as smooth and enjoyable as possible. We will be making regular updates on our Haydon website under the transition tab and through Twitter. We have an amazing pastoral team ready to offer support and guidance, please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any urgent support.

Kind regards

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