



4th March 2024

Dear Parent/Carers

Congratulations and welcome to Orchard Park High School!

We are delighted that your child has been offered a place in Year 7 and we are really looking forward to the start of their journey in September 2024. They will be part of an ambitious, enriching, happy and high achieving environment and we are very excited about what they will achieve with us. We are thrilled to share that in our recent [OFSTED inspection](#) (January 2024), the team highlighted that pupils in our school receive an exceptional education, are well known by their teachers and are hard-working, articulate and highly motivated to learn. We can confidently say that your child has the best chance of success now that they are joining the Orchard Park High family.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce **Ms Ongley**, our school's designated transition lead. At Orchard park we are passionate about ensuring a smooth transition from primary school for every child and understand that some children (and indeed, parents) can feel nervous about the transition to secondary education. Please rest assured that this is completely normal and we will do everything we can to ensure both you and your child are given all the information and experiences they need to feel confident and positive about their start at Orchard Park.

With this in mind, we are pleased to announce the following transition events in the coming months, please note that students are welcome to attend all events but some are optional and this is indicated below.

Wednesday 22nd May- 4-5pm (optional) Performing and Creative Arts Workshops at Orchard Park-
[Sign up here](#)

Wednesday 26th June 4-5pm (optional) Performing and Creative Arts Workshops at Orchard Park-
[Sign up here](#)

Thursday 4th July: New year 7 parent information evening- 5-6pm at Orchard Park High (students are welcome to attend this event too but it is not compulsory).

Friday 5th July: Transition day- Students will arrive at school at 9am and the school day will finish at 2.30pm. More details will follow closer to the date.

Tuesday 9th July: One to one transition meetings for families with a member of teaching staff (more information to follow nearer the time).

Ms Carly Moran, Headteacher

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Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd August: Summer School (optional but encouraged).

Our summer school promises to be two days of fun and friendship and an opportunity for Orchard Park to feel like home before September. Complete this [Google Form](#) to sign up.

Students can wear their own choice of clothing for Summer School, but this must be appropriate attire for physical activity. In addition, students will need to bring their own packed lunch (those in receipt of Free School Meals will have a packed lunch provided) and plenty of water. The summer school day will run from **10.00am to 3.00pm** each day.

All about me: Google Form

So that we can get to know each other better, please could our students complete this [Google Form](#) that we will share with our year 7 transition team.

School Website

Please visit our year 7 tab on the school website for all the information you will need for transition, including uniform requirements.

<https://www.orchardparkhigh.co.uk/page/?title=New+Year+7+Induction&pid=165>

September

Please note that the school term for year 7 students starts on Tuesday the 3rd of September where year 7 learners will have a full induction day designed to support them in understanding our school's routines, policies and procedures.

If you have any further questions (nothing is a 'silly' question) and to sign up for any of our workshops or summer school if you are unable to use the Google links sent in our previous email, please feel free to email Ms Ongley using vongley@orchardparkhigh.net

We say 'every day is an open day' so should you wish to see the school again, Ms Ongley will arrange for a tour. Please request one on the email address above.

We look forward to welcoming you into our community.

Yours faithfully,



Ms Carly Moran
Headteacher

