



Transition meeting for Y6 Parents September 2020

Via Zoom, 7/7/20 6pm

School staff present - Jay Chavda, Learning Coordinator, Year 7
Karen Emmett, Director of Transition
Laura Ellener, Headteacher
Clare Lewis, SENDCo

Around 90 families joined the call.

Mrs Ellener welcomed everyone: we are so sorry that we can't do this face to face. We are so looking forward to September when we can welcome you all in to your new adventure.

We have been open all throughout lockdown for keyworker children. Y10 have had some lessons and Y12 have been taught live lessons all throughout. We have made some changes to the curriculum so that if we have to go into lockdown again, we can go straight to live lessons for all years.

Mr Chavda welcomed everyone: this call should give everyone some idea of what to expect in September. I will be the Head of Year (Learning Coordinator) for Year 7. I can see some familiar faces who already have siblings in the school.

Mrs Emmett - it is a difficult situation for everyone to start school without having had a transition meeting. We will be talking about academic matters shortly, but I wanted to emphasise that we have a holistic approach to children. Everyone will have had a different experience of lockdown. You may be nervous at starting at school but we have a whole range of staff here to help you. There are also y8 buddies, y12 who have just finished a mentoring course and will be helping the Y7s, and all staff are here to give as much support as possible.

Mr Chavda: I am here to support students in whatever way possible - the door is always open to my office. I will also ensure academic standards are being maintained across the year and tracking achievement.

The following should be read in conjunction with the presentation:

Mrs Lewis presented the Personalised Learning department: we are a very inclusive school and work hard to remove all barriers to participation. Everyone is a SEND teacher. If you want to give me any information that you think we might not already have, please email the address which will be given at the end of the presentation. We will contact all families if you are on the SEND register but please let us know if you haven't received a letter, or you have and it is a surprise to you.

Mrs Emmett presented information on the uniform.

Unfortunately we cannot provide a uniform shop as we would have done normally because of the current situation. Sanco, our provider, can be accessed online or visited in person.

Mr Chavda presented the list of equipment that will be needed at school, these aren't provided as they would be in primary. The school bag is big enough to fit in an A4 binder and with lots of pockets for other things, so it is very good.

Mr Chavda presented the hours of the school day. This has changed slightly from current year (for those who have siblings already at the school. Y7 finishes earlier than the rest of the school.

Form groups will be shared with students in September due to organisation and planning for the new year.



Mr Chavda presented the curriculum: we are going to a one week timetable (previously a two week timetable with week A and week B being different) but no subjects have been cut from the timetable because of Covid.

Options will be chosen later in your school career.

Mr Chavda presented expectations, praise and consequences: we don't expect any y7 students to get detentions! Please note that we realise many of you have been out of school for a while - we understand this will be a harder transition period than normal and we will be very nurturing.

Mr Chavda presented the Y7 playground. This will be exclusively for y7 - keeping the bubble together.

Mr Chavda presented Extracurricular activities - there is a wide range and there will be a full timetable. It may not be possible immediately and we will update everyone about this.

Mr Chavda presented ParentMail. It is very important for everyone to sign up to this straightaway.

Mr Chavda presented Transition paperwork. Booklets (if you haven't received them) are also on the website and can be downloaded for printing. Various activities have been set up for Chiswick Challenges. Some may be added over the summer so please keep an eye on this.

Mrs Emmett emphasised that we are so excited to see everyone to come in. This presentation gives a lot of information and there is a lot to take in but please contact the school if you have any questions.

Calendar: The first couple of days will be just for year 7 (other than y13s doing exams.) You will be sent a letter about the arrangement for the first few days, we are still working on the finer details. Meet The Tutor evening on 8th October. There are lots of ways for parents to get involved, eg Outside In volunteering scheme, PTA.

Please send in any forms if you haven't yet done so.

Mr Chavda finished by saying: We are looking forward to getting back to school and Getting to know everyone - be aware, I may look a bit different in September! (Reference to moustache and beard (please see the videos on the school website)

Please make a note of the email address: primarytransition@chiswickschool.org for any queries.



Questions:

What's the difference between a teacher and a tutor?

Tutor is a teacher that sees you every morning to register you and look after you. You have the same tutor all the way through Year 7 so you get to know them very well. You can ask them questions and they will help you with anything you are unsure of .

What sports does the school do?

We do loads of sports. Football, cricket, rowing, netball, rounders, basketball and lots of others too.

Can you tell us how the foreign languages will be allocated? Does the school pick a child's language or does the student?

We have allocated French and German and some of you have told us which you would prefer.

What facilities are in the sports hall?

We have a big sports hall with enough room for 5 badminton courts, a dance studio and a gym/fitness suite.

Can you please review term break - 2 weeks or 1 - and any chance this could change?

We will be having a 2 week half term as planned.

Are the girls required to wear skirts?

Girls can wear smart grey trousers as well as the new kilted skirt which is available through SANCO, Hounslow.

Afterschool clubs?

They are all free and we will send you a timetable of these in September. Also Year 7 can work in our library after school until 4.00pm.

Bikes?

We have bike racks, please make sure you bring a lock.

Are students put in sets?

There aren't sets - students are taught in forms. We will set in maths later on in the year after have done some testing. Pupils are mixed up into forms from schools.

What is your policy on twins?

Please message the primarytransition email after the meeting, our policy is on an individual basis.

How many students are there in the year?

We are almost at full capacity ie 240 students.. It is quite a big school but we make it work!

Covid19 precautions? -

Many precautions are being put into place, we are going through our final checks and everything will be ready in line with government guidance for September..

Will masks be worn in school?

No, masks should not be worn in school but must be used on public transport to and from school.