

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to welcome you again to our transition programme at Outwood Academy Hemsworth and hope you have been able to access all the helpful resources and advice on our transition website

<https://sites.google.com/hemsworth.outwood.com/transition/home>

I hope my letter finds you and your family well and that the events of recent months have not proved too challenging for you. There is no doubt that for Year 6 children the circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic have come at a difficult time and we really hope that we can provide support and reassurance to help you and them look forward to the next stage of their academic journey.

I am delighted that your child will be attending Outwood Academy Hemsworth in September, and whilst this is not an ordinary year, please be assured that we are doing everything we can to ensure as smooth a transition from primary school to secondary school as possible, and we are keen to work with you to minimise any stress or anxiety this change for your child will create.

Thank you for returning the transition documentation for uniform orders, the data and information form, summer school application and iSpace confirmation if you are attending the summer school. If you have not completed any of these please email transition@hemsworth.outwood.com as a matter of urgency or ring our main academy reception on 01977 624220.

Transition Events

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our transition days this year, however our OAH staff will be recording videos of students completing taster lessons and they will be uploaded to our transition website in the Transition Activities section for students to view and experience at home.

There will also be an information evening for parents and carers to access on our Transition website from July 13th at 7:00pm where both the Principal and members of our Senior Leadership Team will be delivering a video presentation to provide you with insights into Academy life and information regarding tutor groups, their purpose and how we organise them. After this event any questions can be forwarded to our transition email and we will add responses to our FAQ section.

The transition from primary to secondary school is an exciting time in every pupil's educational life. In order to aid this transition, the Academy will be using their first day at the academy as a full day induction on Wednesday 7th September. Alongside Year 7 students there will be Year 12 and Year 13 students registering onto their P16 courses which will allow our new intake of Year 7 pupils to become familiar with Academy staff, the school buildings and their new classmates. This will serve to ease the initial concerns of our new pupils and allow them to enjoy a positive start to life at the Academy. Students should arrive at 8:15am in full academy uniform outside the main reception where they will be greeted by staff. The academy day finishes at 2:30pm, please park in the marked bays when dropping off or picking up students as the buses need to safely allow access to the students standing at the bus stops next to the railings.

Uniform Arrangements

In regards to our uniform, Trutex has closed the online order form for parents and carers to order their free bundles. If you have been unable to complete the form online please contact our reception or transition email as soon as possible. If you wish to purchase extra items for uniform please follow this link to our main Outwood Academy Hemsworth website page <https://www.hemsworth.outwood.com/uniform> Extra items of uniform can be purchased online using this link <https://www.trutex.com/> and using the code **LEA00939SC**. Shirts do not need to have the Outwood logo on them so can be purchased at other stores. Alternatively, there is a Trutex licensee store on Northgate in Wakefield, however, the prices may vary to the on-line store. The Wakefield Branch is located at 79 Northgate, Wakefield WF1 3BX – 01924 299820.

If you ordered your free bundle of uniform before the deadline on 28th May please see below for when you can collect this from the Academy at the distribution event on **Thursday 22nd July**. They will be distributed from the main reception area and staff will be on hand to support with directing parents and carers, distribution and social distancing.

3:45pm – 4:00pm	Surnames from A & D
4:00pm – 4:30pm	Surnames from B
4:30pm – 4:45pm	Surnames from C & E
4:45pm – 5:00pm	Surnames from F
5:00pm – 5:15pm	Surnames from G, N & O
5:15pm – 5:30pm	Surnames from H & I
5:30pm – 6:00pm	Surnames from J, K & L
6:00pm – 6:15pm	Surnames from M, U & V
6:15pm – 6:30pm	Surnames from P & Q
6:30pm – 6:45pm	Surnames from R & T
6:45pm – 7:15pm	Surnames from S
7:15pm – 7:45pm	Surnames from W, X, Y & Z

We request that for your collection time you make arrangements so that just one adult comes to collect the bundle to limit the number of people on site. The bundle can then be taken home and tried on, and if any aspect needs changing then you will be able to bring it back for the exchange event on **Friday 30th July** at the following times:

10:30am – 11:30am	Surnames from A, B & C
11:30am – 12:30pm	Surnames from D, E, F & G
12:30pm – 1:30pm	Surnames from H, I, J, K & L
1:30pm – 2:30pm	Surnames from M, N, O & P
2:30pm – 3:30pm	Surnames from Q, R, S & T
3:30pm – 4:30pm	Surnames from U, V, W, X, Y & Z

If your order was placed after the 28th May deadline we will be in touch with you soon to confirm the arrangements for collection at a later alternative date.

Transition Resources

Please find further resources and information along with this letter to help your child feel confident about their move to Outwood Academy Hemsworth in September. This pack also includes:

1. A treasure hunt sheet for your child to complete whilst viewing the virtual tour video on our transition website. Please return this and prizes for top scorers will be awarded in our welcome assembly in September.

2. An “All About Me” passport which will provide their tutor with information to help them get to know your child in preparation for September.
3. A “Best Piece of Work” task.
4. A map of the campus for use with the Virtual Tour.
5. A letter detailing how to access some free Maths resources.

For any of 1-3 above that are completed please either return the work via post, drop it off at our main academy reception or hand it in to staff at the uniform events.

As part of this transition process we have been regularly updating our new Transition website. This can be found at <https://sites.google.com/hemsworth.outwood.com/transition> and has a vast range of information regarding the transition process including:

- Uniform details including the free uniform bundle collection date
- Key contacts including the Inclusion Team should you have any specific SEND questions
- Downloadable transition booklet
- A virtual tour around the school site
- A map of the campus and example timetable
- Top tips from our Student voice
- Letters from Y7 students about their transition experiences

In addition to our website we also have a dedicated email address for more pressing queries you can contact our transition team by email to transition@hemsworth.outwood.com.

We are striving to provide the very best transition experience for your child so that they are confident and prepared to begin their secondary education. We will provide the information and resources you need to ensure a smooth transition and will keep you updated through a variety of platforms throughout the process.

For further information about the work of the Academy, please take the opportunity to visit our new website www.hemsworth.outwood.com.

Finally, we hope these will be enjoyable and interesting events that will help your child towards preparing for the transfer to Outwood Academy Hemsworth in September. If you have any questions about the transition and induction events please do not hesitate to contact us at the Academy.

Kindest regards



Mr T Rutter
Principal