



Guildford County School

SPECIALIST MUSIC COLLEGE

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to invite you to our New Parents' Evening on Tuesday 29th June. More details will follow on whether this event will be virtual or held at the school. This evening is aimed at parents.

The evening will provide an opportunity for you to learn a little more about the transition process, in particular about the Induction day, the start of term in September, and arrangements for the Summer School if your child is attending.

I will shortly be visiting the vast majority of our feeder schools. After I have spoken to your child, I will give them a pack of information for you with a number of forms to fill in. If your child is absent on the day of my visit, I will leave their pack with the school and ask them to pass it on. Once you have completed the forms, please return them to us in the envelope provided, noting that if you post them, you will need to pay postage for a large letter.

Unless restrictions change, we are still planning for Year 6 students to come to County on Wednesday 30th June for their Induction day. They will need to wear their current school uniform (they do not need to bring PE kit) and should arrive at the front of the school by 8.30am, where they will be met by members of staff. We will confirm nearer the time details for collecting your child at the end of the day, which is likely to be around 3.30pm.

Dates for your diary:

- Tuesday 29th June New Year 7 Parents' Information Evening
- Wednesday 30th June Year 6 Induction Day

Your child will also need to come into the school prior to the Induction day, to complete the MidYIS (Middle Years Information System) assessment. These assessments look at potential, rather than what has been learned in school, and it is a useful tool for us in ensuring the successful transition of students from primary schools to County. We will use this information to help us plan the student groupings, ready for induction day on the 30th June. This assessment isn't anything for your child to be worried about, nor is it anything they can revise for. Again, it looks at potential rather than current attainment.

Below is a list of when we will be holding MidYIS sessions for your child's school.

- Tuesday 8th June Holy Trinity
- Wednesday 9th June Boxgrove and Guildford Grove
- Thursday 10th June Northmead, St Josephs and Tillingbourne
- Monday 14th June Queen Eleanor's
- Tuesday 15th June Sandfield
- Wednesday 16th June For students from any other school not named above

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Please can you arrive here at 3.40pm (no earlier please) as we will need time to sanitise the rooms we are using once our current students leave for the day. The assessment usually takes about 45-60 minutes. Once completed, the students will be returned to you at the front of the school.

If you are unable to make the session for your feeder, please can you let me know at okirby@guildfordcounty.co.uk

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our school office and we will do our best to assist you.

Yours sincerely

Olivia Kirby
Head of Transition