



Year 6 into Year 7: Meet the Team

28th April 2021



- Check that **video is off** and **microphone is muted**.
- Please ensure children are supervised on Zoom at all times.
- Direct questions privately to **Mr Jack Houghton** in chat



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Jack Houghton

Assistant Head: Progress & Support: Years 7-11

Key Staff

- Mrs Olivia Kirby – Head of Transition
 - Mrs Jemma Boddington – HSLW
 - Mrs Anna Marshall – Assistant SENDCO
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- Katy Robinson – Office Manager
 - Olivia Wernick - SENDCO



Purpose of this evening

- Allow you to put faces to names
- Outline some important likely dates
- Explore some possible anxieties around transition and discuss how you can reassure your child about them over the coming months.





Our Purpose

We are a school entrusted to provide you with the best education in the country, focused on outcomes of every description.

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The secondary school survival guide



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The nation's favourite head teacher

MATTHEW BURTON



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Olivia Kirby

Head of Transition

A successful and smooth transition involves...

- Schools and parents/carers working together
- Sharing concerns and worries
- Understanding the processes involved
- Knowing the support that is available and who to speak to



We recognise that...

- Starting secondary school is a significant milestone in your child's life.
- It marks a change in what we expect from them, requires them to develop life-skills, becoming independent and organised.
- They will be expected to cope with a whole variety of new experiences and changes to their daily routine.
- Some pupils are ready and excited, whilst others have some anxieties and worries.



Key (Likely) Dates

When?	What?
Monday 17 th May onwards	Olivia Kirby begins visits to primary schools to meet your children
Friday 28 th May 2.00pm-3.15pm	Students coming alone from their Primary Schools: Visit to Guildford County School
Tuesday June 8 th onwards	Midyis testing at Guildford County School – one afternoon from 3.45 - 4.45pm
Early June	Transition support – By invite and appointment only – Parent and student visits
Late June	SEND support – By invite and appointment only
Tuesday 29 th June	New Year 7 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 30 th June	Induction Day



School Visits

- Olivia Kirby speaks to Year 6 teachers, discussing all students individually.
- Talk to Year 6 students together about the differences between Primary and Secondary.
- Chat about any concerns.
- They always have 101 questions!



Midyis

- Baseline assessment to measure students' ability rather than “what has been taught”.
- Underlying potential, their strengths and weaknesses across four areas:
 1. Vocabulary
 2. Maths
 3. Non-verbal
 4. Skills



New Year 7 Parents' Evening

- More about the school.
- Uniform.
- School routines.
- Equipment.
- Understanding the timetable.

This is accompanied by a parent handbook, to guide you through everything you need to know.



Induction Day

- A typical day at County.
- Informed about their House.
- Meet their Tutor.
- Meet Year 10 Mentors.
- Experience break and lunchtimes.
- Tutorial time – “getting to know you”.
- Helping to ease their concerns about starting in September.





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Jemma Boddington

Home School Link Worker



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Anna Marshall

Assistant SENDCO

SEND Provision

- SEND Team to meet with SENDCOs at junior schools to discuss the needs of the students.
- SEND Team to meet with parents to discuss students.





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Children's top 10 worries about starting secondary school

1. Being bullied.
2. Not making friends.
3. Getting lost.
4. Homework.
5. Not being able to do the work.
6. Getting to school and back home.
7. Not having the right books and equipment.
8. Not knowing what to do if there is a problem.
9. Not getting on with teachers.
10. Getting into trouble.



It's hard for parents

- To get the balance right, of not doing too much or too little.
- We have to let them become independent.
- We have to accept that, the older they get, the less important we become.
- As adults we often find the change more difficult to cope with than children do. We can't show them our anxieties.





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Our Vision

‘To be **leaders** in secondary education. Where children **thrive** as **resilient** learners, are **healthy, happy** and **successful** and where we all believe that being **Better Never Stops.**’

