

Primary to Secondary Transition

Arriving at any new school can seem daunting, so from well before the end of Year 6 students have their places confirmed and we work with primary schools to ensure that we make students feel part of King Alfred's Academy even before they apply. In the year before a student makes the transition to us, they might be involved in or attend:

- Open Evening
- Drama productions
- Sports events with King Alfred's staff visiting the primary school, or held at King Alfred's
- Lessons with King Alfred's teachers and King Alfred's students visiting primary schools (including year groups other than, and as well as, Year 6)
- Coming to King Alfred's for lessons, special events or extra support
- The Family Evening (**2017 dates are 28 and 29 June**)
- Visits to the Year 6 students from their Student Manager, Leadership Team, Primary Liaison Coordinator and SEND Department
- Taster / Transition Day (a full day at King Alfred's Academy). **This will be on Thursday 6 July 2017.**
- A variety of Summer Schools

And it doesn't stop when they arrive! On their first day, Year 7 have East Site to themselves, along with the whole Tutor team, teachers, Peer Supporters and other staff on hand to help students find their way around the site and get to their lessons. It is a wonderful day, and just the beginning! An overnight trip to Youlbury follows swiftly and students are soon bonded together by the Talent Show, Bin Bag fashion show and fantastic activities run by the energetic Year 7 staff team.

Our Primary Liaison Coordinator, Ms J Beckley, has long experience in this role, and brings skill and dedication to ensuring that every single new Year 7 student is settled on their first day at King Alfred's by working with students, parents, primary schools and academy staff throughout the process.

Many students come to us that are not from the local primary schools, and the Year 7 team work just as hard to ensure that these students are just as confident and feel as important as every other student making the transition.

The majority of students find the whole process of transition exciting and fulfilling, but some students are always more worried than others. As well as the huge team of staff on hand to support the students, every tutor group has a dedicated Peer Supporter, a trained Sixth Former who commits to supporting students in the tutor group on a weekly basis. They are very positive role models and provide huge support as friendships develop and students settle into life at the academy.

Transition to King Alfred's Academy is an overwhelmingly positive experience and the team will work with every individual student and their family to ensure that we meet their hopes and their expectations.