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Dear Parent / Carer

Update on Year 6 Transition to Midhurst Rother College

I am delighted that your child is joining us at Midhurst Rother College and I am looking forward to meeting you and your child in person later this term. This letter provides an overview of our plans for transition to us. Our planning is guided by the following principles, which are intended to make the move to MRC one that supports your child and places pastoral care at the centre. Our principles are:

1. that every child is supported to make transition as seamless as possible;
2. that additional planning and communication takes place for vulnerable children and those with special needs;
3. that communication between MRC and primary feeder schools and parents is effective, and;
4. that every child joining us is known prior to their start at MRC, enabling them to make an excellent start with us.

Transition Day Wednesday 6 July 9.15 am to 2.15 pm

On behalf of all staff, students and governors it gives me great pleasure to welcome your son/daughter and you to our College community. We know that both the transition day and evening are crucial parts in the students move to Midhurst Rother College in September and it is our aim to make sure your son/daughter feels happy, safe and welcomed. We also know that the step up to secondary school can also be a challenging time for parents and we will make sure there are plenty of opportunities for you to talk with key members of staff before, during and after the day.

Community is important to us. In order to help your son/daughter settle quickly in the College, they will be allocated a **'buddy'** from an older year group within their house. Their buddy will help to show them around the College and also be available to help them with any queries they may have.

On transition day, please arrange for your son/daughter to be at the College for 9.15 am. They will be met by staff and guides who will take them to the theatre. They will have three different sessions with us during the day and we would like to ask that you collect them at 2.15 pm. We would like your son/daughter to wear their current school uniform and would ask that they also bring a packed lunch on the day. We will make arrangements for students who receive free school meals on the day.

Welcome Afternoon, Tuesday 5 July 1.30-3.00pm

In addition to the transition day and evening, I would also like to invite you and your son / daughter to a 'welcome afternoon' on Tuesday 5 July 1.30-3.00pm. This is aimed specifically for students who may be coming to us from out of catchment or from small primary schools. This afternoon is designed to be very relaxed and we will run a range of team-building games so that students who may not know

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many other students have a chance to meet others and begin to form friendships. In this way, all our students will have familiar faces when they all come together on transition day. I hope your son/daughter will be able to attend on this afternoon. The students will play games and we will provide snacks for them. Parents are welcome to stay during this time, if you would like to do so.

Transition Evening Wednesday 6 July 7.00-7.45 pm

I would like to invite you and your child to return to the College for an informal meeting in the theatre. I will start the evening with a brief presentation and Mrs Dickens, Assistant Principal, will also give you some key information about Year 7. The evening will last approximately 45 minutes and we will make sure that any questions you have are answered

As we start to gather your son/daughter's data to assist in the transition process, please be aware that we will be collecting from primary schools the basic student data/information that assists us with enrolling your child as a new entrant. This information is gathered via the school Head teacher or with a key member of the primary school before it is passed to the transition team here at Midhurst. We are already in communication with primary feeder schools about the children coming to us in September and intend to visit your child in their primary school during the summer term. We will talk to teachers as well as looking at SATS results, so that we have good information to use to help us to settle your child and challenge them academically from day one. In the meantime, if you have any concerns at all, please email accept@mrc-academy.org and we will get back to you individually.

MRC Parental Childrens' Learning and Well Being Form

For parents and carers, using the link below, please could you complete our MRC Parental Childrens' Learning and Well Being Form. We understand that starting secondary school can be a very rewarding but challenging experience. We would appreciate your support in getting to know your child as you know them best. The information gathered in this form will help us to support all our new Year 7 students.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=faTnVVu_D0asCx3Eslaxfz_Fe0a3ihPnhE_euZGCrvUQkNBUodPSkdKMOFWRkQ0UIdOTVILVIUOUS4u

We would be grateful if this form could be completed by **13 May 2022**. If you require any support in completing the documents, please do not hesitate to contact Midhurst Rother College Office.

Transition Outreach Activities

During the summer term, we will be holding virtual taster sessions for your child that are hosted by some of our MRC subject areas. During lockdown we all became well experienced in our use of technology and we will be using this to provide extra taster sessions for your child, as shown below. Your child's school will be sent details of these.

We know that many families choose to send their children to us who live out of catchment. As a result, schools will have the option to participate in our transition sessions as a class or for those where the whole cohort does not transfer to MRC, schools can give the link to parents so that the child may do the sessions at home. Parents will also be able to view this via our website. <https://www.mrc-academy.org/information/transition>

Subject	Week Commencing
Geography	23 May
History	6 June
MFL	13 June
Art	20 June

Uniform

Uniform and being proud to wear our uniform are important to us, as it demonstrates that your child is part of our community. We use Stevensons as our uniform supplier. Stevensons are once again able to offer their pop-up shop at MRC this year. They will visit MRC on Thursday 30 June from 3pm-6pm. They will offer a uniform bundle at a discounted price of **£149** and more details of this will follow in the coming weeks. There are some compulsory branded items that are specific to us and need to be purchased through Stevensons. These include our blazer, tie, skirt and PE kit. Alternatively, all our uniform is available via their website at www.stevensons.co.uk or in the Stevensons shop in Guildford. Other items such as school shoes (which need to be black and polishable), trousers, socks, shirts and blouses can be purchased elsewhere. Please visit our website to see our full policy on uniform and our dress code.

Transport

For families whose child would travel to Midhurst Rother College on Local Authority buses, WSCC transport will contact you. If you have any transport queries, these are only dealt with by WSCC, so please refer to their website <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-and-college-transport/>

We would also ask that if your child plays a musical instrument and you would like them to receive lessons (charged by WSCC), please let us know on this email address: accept@mrc-academy.org from where we will collate and inform the music department.

We will remain in regular contact over the rest of the summer term. In the meantime, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch. We want to make sure you and more importantly your child feels supported throughout the process.

Yours sincerely



Stuart Edwards
Principal