

## Year 6 Transition 2024 – FAQ's

### **Is the first day in September for Year 7s only?**

No, we have not done this for a couple of years. All year groups start together on Wednesday 4 September. We will meet all Year 7 students in the Sports Hall as you arrive on site so that we start the day together. After this you will go to tutor time, then you will start to attend lessons and follow your timetable.

### **Will I be in a tutor group with a child from my school?**

Students are all mixed up into different tutor groups, we do not ask for anyone to pick who they would like to be with. For some of our organisation, we follow primary school guidance on keeping together and separating students. We try not to leave anyone alone. Students make new friends very quickly in their groups and lots of the activities in the first week are around meeting new people.

### **What process is in place to ensure children are safely boarded onto buses?**

MRC staff have duty positions both on site and off site after school until 4:00pm. These include support for the buses, Midhurst town as far as Tesco, road crossings and car parks. Staff are also on duty in these positions from 8:00am to 8:25am.

### **If you do a club will a bus pick you up after?**

If the activity is part of our Period 6 Enrichment, then this finishes at the end of the school day at 15:40pm and buses will be there to meet you. If you attend a club/sports fixtures after the end of the school day, then there are no buses and you will have to organise your own transport home.

### **Can we see what our children order in the canteen? Is there a cap put on the Arbor app, so that children can't run up a huge bill?**

There is not a cap on the Arbor account. It is the responsibility of parent to track their child's account. You can view the account balance on Arbor and see exactly what you child has purchased each day. Accounts can be topped up either via Arbor or with cash using in the machines in college.

Should a child come without lunch and have no credit on their account, we will contact parents for permission to issue an emergency lunch voucher. This will be taken against their account and must be repaid before any further vouchers can be issued.

### **I have a food allergy. What are the options I have without contamination?**

Our current catering supplier is Taylor Shaw. Under Allergen Management on their information sheet, they state: "At Taylor Shaw, all our colleagues are trained and up to date with allergen procedures and will provide accurate allergen information to your child. If your child has allergies, we will ask that they speak to our server for information so that they can be provided with the information they need to make an informed and safe choice." The full document can be found here:

[Taylor Shaw Overview and Instructions](#)

As a College, we cannot guarantee no cross contamination will occur and advise that a packed lunch from home would be most suitable should cross contamination be an issue.

### **For food technology do we have to bring in our own ingredients?**

We ask for families to make a one-off payment contribution to the cost of all art and design materials. This means we will order the ingredients/materials needed and it will be ready for your lesson. You will need to bring in containers to take your cooking home with afterwards. This is paid through Arbor and further information will come out to you in September.

### **How does languages selection work? Does everyone do French in Year 7? When will there be a choice for Spanish for example, do the children need to know the basics already?**

All Year 7 study French, then students in sets 1 and 2 are given the choice to study German or Spanish alongside French in Year 8, then they choose their favourite one in Year 10.

Students in sets 1 and 2, in maths in Year 9, are expected to study a language at GCSE.