



## Year 6 Transition FAQs



### **Who will be in my Form Group? When will I know about it?**

Form Groups were shared with parents / carers and students on 13<sup>th</sup> July. There are 6 forms of around 30 students. We have spoken to and worked with your primary schools to put you in forms based on your friendships and learning relationships, ensuring fairness and equality across all form groups.

You can find out about your Form Tutor [here](#) and we will be sending another resource before we return in September.

### **What do I need to wear?**

All students will be expected to wear uniform. We will all be back in full uniform by September, and will support anyone who needs help in accessing uniform. Parents / carers can get grants of up to £200 for eligible students moving into Year 7 through the Local Authority. They can access the application form [here](#). We will also work with Keep Abergavenny Warm to offer second hand uniform options and will contact parents with details as soon as possible.

Uniform is available from Reflex Embroidery and the requirements can be found in your transition booklet [here](#).

### **What do I need to bring with me?**

All students will need a rucksack and within the rucksack you should bring a pencil case with a pen, pencil, ruler, eraser, pencil sharpener, protractor, compass and mathematical calculator. This information can be found in our transition booklet (see above). You may bring a packed lunch, but we will also be opening our canteen safely.

### **Will I need a laptop?**

The lockdown has provided an excellent opportunity for students to engage in learning online and this is something we want to maintain as we return to school, however students will not be required to bring a laptop to school each day; we have many laptops on site for you to use.

### **Will we get to play sports?**

Yes, a wide variety of sports are played by boys and girls in school, and as soon as it is safe to do so we will start up our sports clubs. We will ensure that whatever the guidelines are, you will have access to outdoor physical wellbeing activities.

### **What clubs can I join?**

We have a variety of sports clubs and non-sporting clubs such as Mindfulness, Lego Animation and the Eco Committee; further details can be found in the transition booklet.

### **What if I get lost or am late?**

You will be supported to move around school in the first weeks by fellow students and staff. We understand some students may be late for good reason, or that sometimes on our large school site it takes some time to walk between classrooms. Staff will be understanding about this if reasons for lateness are genuine. We do encourage safe and brisk walking to your next lesson. If you come to school late (after 9am) due to an appointment or any other reason, you must sign-in at Reception.

### **What if I forget something?**

You must let Reception, Form Tutors, WBSOs or Wellbeing Leaders know in the morning and that we can either contact home to have what you have forgotten brought in, lend you what you need, or let other staff know that you have forgotten something, such as your homework, PE kit, pencil case or lunch. We will never let anyone go hungry in school.

### **What can I eat from the canteen?**

Students can eat a wide range of foods in the canteen which meet Healthy Schools guidelines. A variety of food and snacks are served each day. Normally, students pay for their items by a 'biometric' system, meaning no cash needs to come on to school site and you pay for your food using your fingerprint. We will not be able to use our fingerprint system in September, so we will make sure we have an alternative system that still doesn't require cash. We will share further information on the re-opening of catering in our upcoming communications.

### **How to I pay for things?**

All students will be set up on ParentPay, which is our online, cashless system for all purchases in school. Mrs Francis will contact families with their details in the coming weeks. We do need parents / carers to send the school their Data Collection Forms so we have all the details we need to set up this system. A copy of this form can be found [here](#).

### **Will we get lots of homework?**

You will have opportunities for blended learning, i.e. learning that takes place at home which extends work completed in school. We use the SIMS App for homework and parent communications, and you can download this app from your usual app store. Logon details will be shared in the coming weeks. We are always fair with the amount of homework set and deadlines and we have a homework club after school from Monday – Thursday. You can always speak with any member of staff if you are worried about homework.

### **What if the school needs to know important information about me?**

Please ensure that your parents / carers fill in our Data Collection Forms and return them ASAP so we have all information we need to support you. The data collection form can be found [here](#). Parents / carers can email our [transition@khs.schoolsdu.org.uk](mailto:transition@khs.schoolsdu.org.uk) address to give us additional information.