



March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to our new Year 7 intake – September 2021

I am delighted that you have chosen Vale of York Academy for your child and would like to offer a warm welcome to our community.

Your child joins us at an exciting time for Vale of York. The academy was judged to 'Good' by Ofsted in November 2019, standards continue on an upward trajectory and parental preference is growing. Our September intake is our largest in recent years, with 160 students due to start in the new academic year. We are very much looking forward to returning to normal business as the nation gradually begins to move out of the pandemic.

We shall start making preliminary visits to our feeder primaries to begin collecting all the information we need to provide as smooth a transition as possible. Mr Orr, Associate Assistant Principal - Community will be leading the transition process.

In the meantime, there are several forthcoming dates for your diary:

Wednesday 7 July – Transition Day. This is a city-wide event where all Year 6 children go to their new secondary school.

Thursday 8 and Friday 9 July. Two further transition days where your child will attend Vale of York and start to experience lessons and the daily life of the academy. These days will help parents too, as your child will enjoy the summer break having experienced a good amount of time at the academy prior to the September start.

Please also be aware that we shall be holding a Year 7 residential at the YMCA at Newby Bridge in the Lake District from Wednesday 15th to Friday 17th September 2021 and will send further details to you in the forthcoming weeks.

We shall also contact you again to confirm arrangements for the transition events. In the meantime, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us either by telephone or email using the transition@voy.hlt.academy address.

I look forward to meeting you in the near future.

Yours faithfully,

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