



Our transition programme includes various opportunities for you and your parents/carers to familiarise yourself with our academy before you start in September 2021. If you would like further information about any of the events below, please contact Mr Orr using the transition email – [transition@voy.hlt.academy](mailto:transition@voy.hlt.academy)



**Monday June 21: Transition support day**

Moving to secondary school can be quite a daunting thing. This is why, in partnership with the primary schools, we are putting on an event for those students who may have additional needs or anxieties around

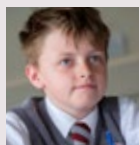
transition and starting Year 7. This will give these students the chance to get comfortable at Vale of York before the main Transition Day and meet some of the staff who will be supporting them closely when they start in September.



**Tuesday July 6: Open evening (VIRTUAL)**

During this evening you will have the opportunity to watch presentations from key staff at the school including the Principal and your Progress Leader. This evening will be your chance to get to know everything

you need to about joining the school and of course, you'll get the chance to ask any questions you may have too.



**Wednesday July 7: Transition day**

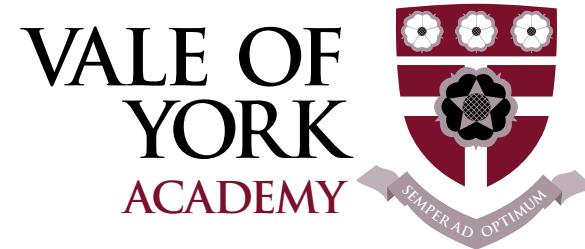
This is the city-wide transition event. All Year 6 students within the City of York are given the opportunity to spend a day in their allocated secondary school. At Vale of York Academy, this

day is packed with activities that focus on fostering positive relationships and developing confidence.



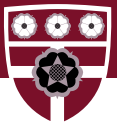
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**Welcome**

Important information to help  
your transition from Year 6



# A warm welcome to Vale of York Academy

I hope that you are as thrilled to be joining Vale of York Academy as I am to welcome you!

The transition from Year 6 to Year 7 is an exciting time and I want to reassure you that we make a very special effort to get to know all of our students as individuals – each with their own strengths, needs, and aspirations.

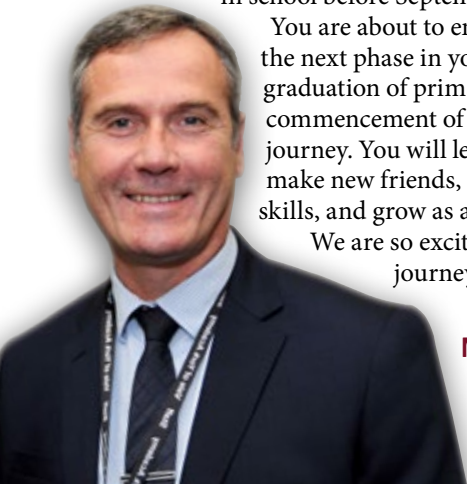
Our students are the driving force in everything that we do and the success of every child is of paramount importance to us. Every student who joins us will be challenged to 'always give their best' in every aspect of school life – whether that is academically, socially, in supporting our wider community through events and charity, or through participation in extracurricular clubs and activities.

We have so many transition events for you to take part in, to make that movement from primary to secondary less daunting and help you to settle in and fully understand your role in school before September arrives.

You are about to embark on the next phase in your life – the graduation of primary school and commencement of your secondary journey. You will learn new subjects, make new friends, develop new skills, and grow as an individual.

We are so excited that this journey will be with us.

**Mr Toby Eastaugh**  
PRINCIPAL



## Meet our transition team

**Mr Orr** (*right*) is the Senior Leader in charge of transition and will be your main contact throughout the transition period. He will continue to support into the Autumn term. Mr Orr has years of experience supporting Year 6 settle into Year 7 and strives to make transition to secondary school smooth and enjoyable. He encourages you to get in touch with any questions you may have throughout the summer using our transition email – [transition@voy.hlt.academy](mailto:transition@voy.hlt.academy)

**Mr Kumar** (*second right*) is the Assistant Vice Principal for Student Welfare and is also involved in supporting students make the move from primary school. Another experienced member of staff, Mr Kumar and the pastoral team will work with Year 7 to continue developing a positive school community that is friendly, hardworking and high achieving.

Finally, **Mrs Hunter** is our SENDCo and will be the member of staff who looks after those who require a little bit of extra support.

The transition team and everyone at Vale of York Academy are really looking forward to your arrival at the school.



## SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS DURING TRANSITION

Moving up from primary to secondary school can sometimes seem like a daunting and complicated experience – especially for students who are more vulnerable to the stresses and anxieties that come with big changes. We offer additional transition support for students with special educational needs; challenging behaviour; difficulties in social interactions; or students with specific medical conditions or disabilities. If you would like to meet to discuss any of the above, please contact Mrs Hunter on [f.hunter@voy.hlt.academy](mailto:f.hunter@voy.hlt.academy)