



«Forename» «Surname»
«Primary_School»

March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer of «Forename» «Surname»,

Welcome to our new Year 7 intake – September 2023

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

Your child joins us at an exciting time for Vale of York Academy, standards continue on an upward trajectory and parental preference is strong. We are expecting 150 pupils in Year 7 in September bringing the total on roll to over 700, our highest number for many years.

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, our Transition Lead will be leading the transition process.

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

Wednesday 5 July – Transition Day This is a city-wide event where all Year 6 children go to their new secondary school.

Thursday 6 July A further transition day where your child will attend Vale of York and enjoy an enrichment day with all of their new fellow pupils. This day 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.

In consultation with the primary schools, a number of pupils who it is felt would benefit from another layer of transition will be invited to our Summer School which will take place over three days in August. Further details of this will be released as the transition process progresses in the coming months.

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 21st to Friday 23rd September 2022 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 Mr Orr on r.orr@voy.hslt.academy

I look forward to meeting you in the near future.

Yours faithfully,



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