

March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to our new Year 7s for September 2025

At Vale of York Academy, we are delighted that you have chosen our school for your child and would like to offer a very warm welcome to our community. Your child joins us at an exciting time as progress and standards continue on an upward trajectory and parental preference is strong; we are expecting 150 pupils to join the academy in Year 7 in September 2025.

Members of our staff will start to make preliminary visits to our partner primaries to begin collecting all the information we need to provide as smooth a transition as possible for the students. Mr Orr, our Transition Lead and Director of Community, will be leading the transition process.

There are several forthcoming dates for your diary:

Tuesday 1st July - Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Information Evening

This is an evening event where parents and students can hear from key members of staff including the Principal, Pastoral Support Team, AVP Behaviour and Transition Lead on what to expect when starting at Vale of York Academy.

Wednesday 2nd July – Transition Day and New Vale of York Academy Parents Workshop

This is a city-wide event where all Year 6 children go to their new secondary school for a full day. The children will be able to experience a day in the life of a secondary school student. In addition, we will be running an informal workshop in the early evening for parents who are new to Vale of York Academy, where we run through all the need to know day to day information and other aspects of the academy that it would be useful to familiarise yourself with.

Thursday 3rd July - Additional Transition Day and Y6 Family Pizza Evening

This is an additional transition day at Vale of York Academy, where your child will enjoy an enrichment day with all of their new fellow pupils. The day is designed to give more time for the children to meet up with students from the different partner primary schools and to give them all extra time to become accustomed to the building. On the evening, we will be inviting all of our new Year 7s to bring their family along to an evening of entertainment, games and pizza to round off a positive week. Details to come nearer the time.

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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.

We shall also contact you again to confirm arrangements for the transition events. In the meantime, if you have any queries, questions or issues, please do not hesitate to contact the academy, either by telephone or email Mr Orr on transition@voy.hslt.academy

We look forward to meeting you and your children in the near future. Thank you again for becoming part of the Vale of York Academy community.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'G Mills'.

Ms G Mills
Principal