

Headmaster: Mr M Jones BA MEd

16 May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Parmiter's School

We are delighted to welcome both you and your child to Parmiter's School as part of our new Year 7 cohort for September 2023.

Nemo Sibi Nascitur: Our values of community, aspiration and opportunity enable every individual to grow and flourish.

At Parmiter's, we do not underestimate that the transition from primary into secondary education is a significant step for young people and their families. We recognise that children coming into secondary school meet a more rigorous curriculum where many new skills need to be fostered to engage positively with it and, with this in mind, we have a robust transition process for all students. Our investment in your child starts long before their first day in September, with a range of events and activities that springboard a positive and exciting move from primary to secondary school. **Please see the full calendar of events and transition requests attached, with helpful tick boxes to help you plan.**

Your child will be joining the Parmiter's family which has a strong sense of community and holds in high regard values such as kindness, inclusivity, equality and empathy. Our high quality relationships with all our students embraces a strong sense of belonging; promoting a coherent feeling of being known, valued and understood.

We believe that if your child feels safe and secure at school, they will feel empowered to be confident, curious about their learning and excel across all parts of the curriculum. Staff encourage students to aim high and to work hard as they aspire to give of their very best; this often means taking risks and making mistakes along the way. Parmiterians learn not to shy away from failure, moreover, they come to appreciate that it cultivates a growth mindset; building resilience and a positive attitude to learning.

Our school website has a wealth of useful information that will help you prepare for the new academic year. Our <u>Joining Year 7 in September 2023</u> web page, under the '*Parents*' tab, will be updated with any letters or information sent out to parents/carers, so please check it regularly.

We are here for you every step of the way during your child's transition from primary to secondary school. If you have any concerns or questions, please let us know by contacting Mrs Mullett (Head of Year) or Mrs Page (Deputy Head of Year) via our dedicated email address year 7@parmiters.herts.sch.uk.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to the Parmiter's family.

Kind regards

Mrs D Mullett & Mrs A Page

Head of Year 7 Deputy Head of Year 7

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Parmiter's School Year 7 Transition Timeline

Prior to the start of and at the beginning of the new academic year, there will be a series of transition events and information requests.

To help you keep track, please use the calendar below.

YEAR 7 TRANSITION CALENDAR **Notification / Deadline Details Event Event Time** Actioned Date In order to ensure a smooth transition, it is vital that we have key information about your child. Information provided will be imported directly into our Student Management Information System (SIMS). Once we have this Admissions+ Online Form 28 April 2023 information in SIMS we can set up Wisepay, which is used for dinner money, П school bus and trip payments, and create a school email address for students before the first day of term. Please complete the online form by no later than Friday 12 May 2023. Every student will need a Chromebook for September 2023. Please ensure you have signed up to the Chromebook Scheme by Friday 11 June 2023. Please click on the letter link from Freedom Technology for information on how to purchase a device (letter). Chromebook Scheme 2 May 2023 If you would like your child to use a personal Chromebook they already **own** (no other device types are permitted and this device must be fully insured by yourself) in school, then the device will need to be added to the school domain for £30. To register your intention, please complete this form (one for each child) by 31 May 2023. Once we have students' key information in SIMS we can set up Wisepay, which Admissions+ Online Form is used to pay for dinner money, school buses and trips, and create a school Deadline email address for students before their first day of term. See (1) above. 3 12 May 2023 П Parents/Carers will not be able to pay for the Year 7 Bushcraft trip or music lessons if the Admissions+ form has not been completed on time. Parmiter's School has fantastic peripatetic music staff, employed by the school, who offer private instrumental lessons on weekly rotation during the school day. The closing date for applications for the Autumn term is Friday 9 June 2023 and further information about individual instrumental tuition, along with the application form, can be found on the Parmiter's School website under Music Tuition and 16 May 2023 **Extra-Curricular Activities** 'Parents - Extra-Curricular Activities' or click here. Parmiter's School also offers a wide range of extra-curricular activities for students. To view the timetable for the current term, please see the school website under 'Parents - Extra-curricular activities' or click here. Extracurricular activities start during the second week of each term.

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	Event	Event Time	Notification / Deadline Date	Details	Actioned				
5	Year 7 Transition & Team Building Experience (Bushcraft) - Initial Letter	-	24 May 2023	Adventure awaits! Year 7 students will be taking part in the Bushcraft Team Building residential experience at Boughton Wood. This is an excellent opportunity for your child to secure friendships across the year group, enjoy a wide variety of activities and learn new skills with their peers. The approximate cost for this trip is £210 and will be due for payment by Friday 14 July 2023.					
6	Music Tuition Application Deadline		9 June 2023	Deadline for signing up for private instrumental lessons. See (4) above.					
7	Chromebook Application Deadline	-	11 June 2023	Deadline for signing up to the Chromebook Scheme. See (2) above.					
8	School Locker bookings open	-	13 June 2023	Year 7 students can rent a locker, for a small annual fee, to store their books and PE kit. Students can access their lockers before school, at break, lunchtime and after school. Lockers are available for rent through ILS Ltd and bookings will be available from 13 June 2023 , please see the letter to parents here . For further information and to book a locker, please visit www.ilsschools.co.uk .					
9	School Transport (Bus) Application Process Opens	-	19 June 2023	Parmiter's School bus service is run by Mullany's Coaches and the bus timetable, terms & conditions and other relevant information can be found on the school website, under the ' <i>Parent</i> ' tab, or click here . Prices for 2023/24 will be confirmed later this term. Bus applications for the 2023/24 academic year will need to be submitted by Friday 7 July 2023 . Parents will be notified via email if their child has a place on the school bus by Friday 21 July and the initial or full payment will be due by Friday 4 August. Bus passes will be given to students during form time on their first day of school.					
10	Year 6 Tea Party (Selected students only)	16:30 – 17:30	28 June 2023	If your child comes from a primary school with two students or less joining Parmiter's , prior to starting in September they will receive an invitation to the Year 6 tea party. This will give these students a chance to get to know other students who will be joining Parmiter's.					
11	School Transport (Bus) Application Deadline	-	7 July 2023	Deadline to submit an application for a school bus place. See (9) above.					

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12	Headmaster's Evening	16:30 – 19:00	12 July 2023	You will be invited to the Headmaster's Evening and Transition Fair, where you and your child will meet their form tutor, purchase uniform/ PE kit and other supplies such as a useful book bundle and Art pack. Chromebook, Bushcraft and Parents' Association information and registration will also be available. This will also be the final opportunity to sign up for the Year 7 Bushcraft trip, as the deadline is Friday 14 July 2023.					
14	Year 6 Induction Day	08:30 – 14:30	13 July 2023	Your child will spend the day at Parmiter's School to help orientate themselves and spend time with their Form Tutor. Students will experience taster lessons and House competitions. Transition work booklets will be given to all students to complete over the Summer and instructions will be given during the taster lessons. Transition booklets will help your child to better understand the forthcoming curriculum in the core subject areas and will be collected in during the first week of term and assessed. Students will also receive a Welcome letter with all the information they need for the start of term. They will also be given a WisePay cashless catering registration letter and an introductory letter from the Parents' Association for their parents/carers.					
13	Year 7 Transition & Team Building Experience (Bushcraft) Payment Deadline	-	14 July 2023	Deadline to sign up for the Years 7 Bushcraft trip and make your payment via WisePay. <i>See</i> (5) <i>above</i> .					
15	Parmiter's Summer School	09:00 – 15:00	24 -28 July 2023	Parmiter's Summer School offers a range of activities, all providing great opportunities for our new Year 7 students to make new friendships, be creative and learn new things in a fun way. The approximate cost for all activity days is £30 per day and workshop events run from 9.00am - 3.00pm each day.					
16	Year 7 Induction Day	08:30 – 15:20	6 September 2023	Induction Day will help your child navigate our school systems and procedures. Students will again spend time with their Form Tutors and class prefects. The school does not open to all students until the following day, giving our new students time and space to gently settle into their new surroundings.					
17	Year 7 Cheese & Wine Reception for Parents/Carers	19:00 – 21:00	September 2023 (TBC)	The Cheese and Wine Reception is hosted by our Parents' Association and you will have an opportunity to socialise with other parents/carers of students in your child's form group and meet their form tutor.					

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18	Year 7 Transition & Team Building Experience (Bushcraft) Trip	-	27–29 September 2023	Year 7 students will be on the Bushcraft Team Building residential experience at Boughton Wood. Students not going on the trip will be expected in school and will follow their normal timetable.							
19	Year 7 Theatre Trip	19:30 – 22:30	May 2024 (TBC)	A theatre trip to see a show in London's West End will be organised later in the academic year. This is a truly enjoyable evening for students.							