

26 March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Parmiter's

We are so pleased to welcome you and your child(ren) to the Parmiter's School community. Joining our Year 7 cohort in September 2026 marks the beginning of a new exciting journey.

Guided by our motto, *Nemo Sibi Nascitur*, we strive to create an environment of community, aspiration, and opportunity where every individual feels empowered 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 starting secondary school is a big step. We look forward to helping your child(ren) navigate their new subjects and gently fostering the skills they need to grow within our school community. With this in mind, we plan 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. **Attached is the full timeline of both transition events and information requests with helpful tick boxes to help you plan.**

At Parmiter's, we pride ourselves in a strong sense of community and hold in high regard values such as kindness, inclusivity, equality and empathy. Our relationships with all our students promote a strong sense of belonging, ensuring a 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 and curious about their learning and excel across all areas of the curriculum. Staff encourage students to aim high and to work hard as they aspire to give 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.

Beyond the classroom, we warmly encourage our students to immerse themselves in our vibrant co-curricular programme. With a wealth of clubs running during lunchtimes and after school, there are endless opportunities to explore new interests, develop new skills and build lasting friendships in a variety of settings. Look out for our co-curricular programme, which will be emailed to you after the initial two weeks of the September term

Our school website has a wealth of useful information to help you prepare for the new academic year.

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 Dormer (Deputy Head of Year) via our dedicated email address Year7@parmiters.herts.sch.uk.

We welcome you all into the Parmiter's family.

Kind regards



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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 timeline below.

YEAR 7 TRANSITION TIMELINE				
Event	Details	Event Time	Key Dates	Actioned
1	Admissions+ Online Form	-	Portal open (please check junk/spam)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<p>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 Information Management System (SIMS). Once we have this information in SIMS we can set up WisePay, which is used for dinner money, school bus and trip payments, and create a school email address for students before the first day of term. <i>(Please note: WisePay will send messages to the first parent/carer on the list, which is alphabetical and it is not possible to change this).</i></p> <p>The online form must be completed by 16 April 2026</p>			
2	Admissions+ Online Form Deadline	-	Portal closes 16 April 2026	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<p>Once we have students' key information in SIMS we can set up Wisepay, which is used to pay for dinner money, school buses and trips, and create a school email address for students before their first day of term.</p> <p>Parents/Carers will not be able to pay for the Year 7 Root'd Team Building Adventure (bushcraft type activities) or music lessons if the Admissions+ form has not been completed on time.</p>			
3	Chromebook Scheme	-	Portal closes 29 June 2026	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<p>Every student will need a Chromebook for September 2026. Please ensure you have signed up to the Chromebook Scheme by Monday 29 June 2026. A letter from our Chromebook partners, Edde, will follow shortly.</p> <p>If you would like your child to use a personal Chromebook they already own in school (no other device types are permitted and this device must be fully insured by yourself), then the device will need to be added to the school domain at a cost of £30. To register your intention, please complete this form (one for each child) by Friday 29 May 2026.</p>			
4	School Lockers	11.00am	Portal opens 19 June 2026	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<p>Year 7 students can rent a locker, for a small annual fee (£30), 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 Rent My Locker Ltd and bookings will be available online from 11.00am on Tuesday 19 June 2026, please see the letter to parents here.</p> <p>Lockers are subject to availability, so book early to avoid disappointment. As a general rule, lockers in the dining hall are allocated to Year 7 students.</p> <p>For further information and to book a locker, please visit www.rentmylocker.co.uk.</p>			

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5	Music Tuition and Extra-Curricular Activities	<p>Parmiter's School has fantastic peripatetic music staff employed by the school, who offer private instrumental lessons on a weekly rotation during the school day. The closing date for applications for the Autumn term is Friday 12 June 2026 and further information about individual instrumental tuition, along with the application form, can be found on the Parmiter's School website under 'Parents - Co-Curricular Activities' or click here.</p> <p>Parmiter's School also offers a wide range of co-curricular activities for students. To view the timetable for the current term, please see the school website under 'Parents - Co-curricular activities' or click here. Co-curricular activities start during the second week of each term.</p>	-	Applications close Friday 12 June 2026	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	School Transport <i>(Bus application process opens 18 May 2026)</i>	<p>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 'Parent' tab, or click here.</p> <p>Bus applications for the 2026/27 academic year will need to be submitted by Friday 3 July. Notification that your child has a place on the school bus will be sent out via email by Friday 17 July and the initial instalment or full payment will be due by Monday 3 August. Bus passes will be given to students during form time on their first day of school.</p>	-	Applications close 3 July 2026	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Summer Enrichment Days	<p>As an early part of our transition programme, we are delighted to offer a fantastic Summer enrichment initiative, providing great opportunities for students to make new friends, be creative, learn new knowledge and skills and have fun!</p> <p>The Year 6 enrichment days will take place on Thursday 23 and Friday 24 July from 9.00am - 3.00pm, giving our new cohort an exclusive opportunity to enjoy a flavour of the secondary curriculum, familiarise themselves with the school environment and make new friends. Students can choose one or both of the days to attend and the approximate cost is £30 each day. Please put these dates into your family calendar. Further information will be sent to you in due course.</p>	-	Applications close 13 July 2026	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Year 7 Root'd Team Building Adventure	<p>Adventure awaits! Year 7 students will be taking part in a two-day, overnight Root'd Team Building residential experience at Phasels Wood from 23 - 25 September 2026. Students will be split into two groups and assigned by registration group as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Group 1 - Wednesday 23 to Thursday 24 September ❖ Group 2 - Thursday 24 to Friday 25 September <p>This is an excellent opportunity for your child to secure friendships across the year group, enjoy a wide variety of bushcraft type activities and learn new skills with their peers. The cost for this trip is approximately £155.00 and places are limited. Payment will be due no later than Friday 10 July 2026. Details of how to register to follow.</p> <p>Students not on the trip will be expected in school and will follow their normal timetable. More details to follow.</p>	-	Payment deadline 10 July 2026	<input type="checkbox"/>

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9	Year 6 Tea Party <i>(Selected students only)</i>	For those joining us from primary schools where only one or two students are moving to Parmiter's, we are delighted to host an 'Early Connections' event prior to the September start. This is an opportunity to meet other students and begin building friendships in a relaxed and sociable environment. More details to follow.	16:30 – 17:30	17 June 2026	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Headteacher's Evening	You will be invited to the Headteacher's Evening, where you and your child will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend the Headteacher's address. Attend a presentation on expectations & life in Year 7 at Parmiter's, given by the Head and Deputy Head of Year. Book an appointment with the uniform suppliers (Stevensons, DJ Uniforms and Watford School Uniforms) and our PE kit supplier (Henry Tilly Sport). <i>(Please note: Year 7 students starting in September 2026 are expected to wear the new PE kit)</i> Parents' & Carers' Association information and registration will be available. There will also be an opportunity to sign up for the Year 7 Root'd Team Building Adventure, as the deadline is 10 July 2026. More details to follow. 	16:00 – 18:30	7 July 2026	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Year 6 National Transition Day	Your child will spend the day at Parmiter's 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 during the first week of term and assessed. More details to follow.	08:30 – 14:30	9 July 2026	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Summer Enrichment Days	Parmiter's Summer Enrichment Days will run from 9.00am - 3.00pm . Casual clothing should be worn and students should bring a packed lunch, snacks and a drink (including a refillable water bottle - there are water fountains located across the whole site) for the day. Please drop off and collect students from the turning circle. Students should not be dropped off before 8.45am and must be collected promptly at 3.00pm, as there will be no supervision outside these times. Students should register in the main school reception, where they will be given a wristband and escorted to their activities.	09:00 – 15:00	23 and 24 July 2026	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Year 7 Induction Day	Induction Day will help your child navigate our school systems and procedures. Students will again spend time with their Form Tutors. 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. More details to follow.	08:30 – 15:20	3 September 2026	<input type="checkbox"/>

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14	Year 7 Cheese & Wine Reception for Parents/Carers	The Cheese and Wine Reception is hosted by our Parents' and Carers' Association. You will have an opportunity to socialise with other parents/carers of students in your child's form group and meet their form tutor. More details to follow.	19:00 – 21:00	18 September 2026	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Year 7 Root'd Team Building Adventure	Year 7 students will be on their Root'd Team Building residential experience at Phasels Wood and they will be split into two groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Group 1 - Wednesday 23 to Thursday 24 September ❖ Group 2 - Thursday 24 to Friday 25 September Students not on the trip will be expected in school and will follow their normal timetable.	-	23-25 September 2026	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	Year 7 Theatre Trip	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.	19:30 – 22:30	6 May 2027	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Year 7 French Language & Cultural Trip to Normandy	The French Department offers Year 7 students the opportunity to take part in a residential trip to visit the historic and beautiful region of Normandy in France during July. The aim of the trip is to motivate students in their language learning by giving them the opportunity to use the French they learn this year, as well as to find out more about French culture. Last year's cost was £600/student. Limited to 140 places, which are offered on a first come, first served basis. More details to follow.	-	July 2027 (TBC)	<input type="checkbox"/>