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Dear Parents and Carers of **Student name**

I am delighted to hear that **student's first name** will be joining us at Wreake Valley Academy in the Autumn, we are looking forward to meeting you and **student name** in the near future.

Over the next few months, you will receive all the relevant information you will need to prepare for secondary school such as information about key members of staff; uniform; uniform suppliers; times of the school day; routines; cashless catering; curriculum details; pastoral care and Special Education Needs provision.

To ensure that you are fully aware of the Transition Process we are holding a Transition Information Evening on Tuesday 10th March. To enable all parents/carers to attend that wish to, we have allocated each parent/carer a time slot.

Please arrive at your allocated time :

Details of the allocated shown here

The evening will allow you to meet key members of staff. We will talk you through what to expect from us; both in terms of Transition and when your child's starts with us in August. We will explain the importance of the information that we will collect from you and from your child's primary school and how we use this information to put our tutor groups together. We will also inform you about Uniform and where to purchase this.

On Monday 29th June we will be holding a New Year 7 Parents' Evening. This is an opportunity for us to share in more detail our expectations of students that will be key to their success at secondary school, we encourage all parents to attend even if you have had children attend Wreake in the past, as there has been several changes. There will also be an opportunity for you to ask any questions that you may have ahead of the Transition days and the start of the new academic year.

On Wednesday 1st July and Thursday 2nd July 2026 **student's first name** is invited to attend our two Transition days. This will allow them to get to know their tutor group, meet many of the staff and other students as well as getting to know the building a little better.

In the meantime, we will be working closely with primary schools to ensure continuity of the curriculum and pastoral care. We will listen carefully to the advice and guidance Year 6 teachers provide on how best to support the individual child.

We have included the transition programme from March to August 2026 overleaf and will endeavour to make the transition experience as smooth and worry free as possible.

We will remain in close contact with families during the spring and summer terms, and we will keep you informed of plans for the beginning of the Autumn term 2026. Please do not hesitate to contact us at transition@wreake.bepschools.org if you have any queries, would like to speak to a member of staff or need to update any contact details.

We look forward to meeting you and working with you to ensure your child is happy and successful during their time at Wreake Valley Academy.

Yours sincerely

Ben Rackley

Headteacher

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Transition Programme for students joining us August 2026

Beginning of March	Parents are notified by their local council of their child's allocated school. The Special Educational Needs & Disability Coordinator (SENDCo) and SEND team will begin the process of supporting children with additional needs.
March	Keeping in contact with families: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Our Student Data Collection form will be sent electronically to parents/carers week commencing 9th March. This is an important document please check your emails and let us know if you have not received this by 13th March.

	<p>It is essential that you complete and submit the form no later than 27th March. Paper copy available on request.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An email address is set up for new Year 7 Parents/Carers transition@wreake.bepschools.org This will be used so that parents/carers can contact us directly if there are any questions. Please use this email address to inform us about any changes to your contact details. Wreake Valley Academy website has a page specifically for Transition. You can find this in the Parents section on the website All letters that are sent home and any other information on starting at secondary school will be posted here. We will also publish the information from our Transition Meeting.
April	<p>Uniform Information:</p> <p>Our Uniform policy and information on where uniform can be purchased will be made available at the Transition Information Evening and also emailed to you during April. We will also provide you with details of Uniform Drop in events where you can come and try uniform on for size before you order this online. <i>It is advisable not to purchase uniform before you attend the Uniform Drop In sessions.</i></p>
May/June	<p>Primary school visits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transition staff from Wreake Valley Academy will visit Year 6 at their primary school, providing an opportunity for students to ask any questions they may have. They will give each student a 'Year 7 Information booklet' to bring home for you. The booklet includes details about uniform, Cashless Payments, times of the school day, term dates, behaviour and expectations, Head of Year and key staff. We will also be giving each student a 'Student Passport' for them to complete and bring with them on the Welcome Days. Transition staff from Wreake Valley Academy will meet with Year 6 teachers to discuss individual students and begin the handing over process. SEND staff will spend time working in the primary schools to provide support and get to know the students. Please note if you require our SEND staff to attend your child's SEND review, please contact your child's Primary SENDCo and ask them to invite our SEND team.
June	<p>Uniform Drop in Sessions:</p> <p>Come along and try your child's uniform for size before ordering the items online.</p> <p>Tuesday 9th June 3.30pm – 5.30pm and Thursday 18th June 3.30pm – 5.30pm</p>
Monday 22 nd June and Thursday 25 th June	<p>SEND Transition Days:</p> <p>An opportunity for students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities to visit the school and meet key members of staff. Details will be sent directly to you.</p>
Tuesday 23 rd June	<p>Additional Transition Day for Solo Starter students:</p>

	<p>For some students they are moving to Wreake Valley Academy and they don't know anyone else either because they are either the only child or one of a very small number coming from their primary school or because they currently live out of the area. To support these children, we will be running an additional transition day to provide opportunities for them to meet other students in the same position and support them to make new friendship groups.</p> <p><i>We will contact you individually with the details of the arrangements for this.</i></p>
End of June	<p>Tutor groups:</p> <p>Year 6 will be informed which Year 7 tutor group they will be joining, and who their tutor will be.</p>
Monday 29 th June	<p>New Year 7 Parents' Evening: Onboarding, Expectations and Key Staff</p> <p>Parents/Carers are invited to meet with key members of staff including; the Headteacher, SENDCo, Head of Year and Tutors. The evening will detail our expectations of students which will be essential in ensuring that your child is successful at Wreake Valley. We encourage all parents to attend even if you have had children attend Wreake Valley before, as there has been a number of changes.</p> <p><i>Details of times for the evening will be emailed nearer the date</i></p>
Wednesday 1 st July and Thursday 2nd July	<p>Transition Days:</p> <p>All new Year 7 students will spend two full days at Wreake Valley Academy. Students will meet with their tutor, Head of Year and other subject teachers and spend time with students in their tutor group and other tutor groups. More details will be emailed to parents & carers nearer the time.</p>
Beginning of the Autumn Term – 8.40am Wednesday 26 th August 2026	<p>All students will start the new academic year on Wednesday 26th August 2026</p> <p>Year 7 will spend the first part of the morning with their tutor. After break time, students will follow their new timetable and start their subject lessons.</p> <p>Details will be sent home nearer the time.</p>