

# Transition from Primary school to Holy Trinity Academy

Arriving at any new school can seem daunting, so from well before the Year 6 students have their places confirmed, we work with our feeder primary schools to ensure that we make students feel part of Holy Trinity Academy even before they apply. In the years before a student makes the transition to HTA, they might be involved in or attend:

- Open evening
- Drama productions
- Lessons with teachers and students visiting primary school
- Coming to HTA for lessons and special events
- Visits to year 6 from pastoral staff and SENCo
- Intake days
- Year 6 information evening

We will ask year 6 students for their thoughts on intake day prior to the event in order to make the event as productive as possible.

We will also share information with year 6 teachers about teaching and learning matters so that HTA staff are aware of the language used in our feeder primary schools.

And it doesn't stop when they arrive! After a few weeks of term we will contact year 6 teachers and ask them to comment on the standard and quality of their student's work. This is to ensure that all students are encouraged to reach their full potential.

The majority of students find the whole process of transition exciting and fulfilling, but some students are always more worried than others. As well as the huge team of staff on hand to support the students, every vertical tutor group will have a trained peer mentor. Peer mentors are positive role models and provide huge support as friendships develop and students settle into life at HTA.

Transition to HTA is an overwhelmingly positive experience and the team will work with every individual student and their family to ensure that we meet their hopes and their expectations.

We will invite parents to complete an online survey during the first term in order to further improve our transition arrangements.

## Summary of induction process

- Open evening
- Drama productions
- Lessons with teachers and students visiting primary school Coming to HTA for lessons and special events Visits to year 6 from pastoral staff and SENCo Intake days
- Year 6 information evening
- Intake days based on year 6 pupil voice
- HTA staff to visit year 6 students in their primary schools
- Feedback from primary staff regarding standards in year 7 term 1
- Peer mentors
- Feedback from parent survey