



**LATHOM
HIGH SCHOOL**



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Headteacher: Mrs J M Galbraith



5 April 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Transition to High School

We wrote to you on 5 March 2019 and, as promised, this is our 2nd letter with more information about your child's transition from primary school to Lathom High School.

We understand transition to Secondary School is one of the biggest and most significant changes in a child's life, which is why we place the upmost importance on getting it right, to ensure all of our new students are happy, motivated and PROUD to be part of our school family.

Our approach to transition is to create a bespoke programme of events that is tailored to enable all of our students to feel supported, nurtured and challenged.

The journey we take with your child begins now. There is much we can do to prepare the way, both practically and emotionally, so that your child will find the transition as exciting and stress free as possible.

To help the preparation, it is extremely important that we become familiar faces in the life of your child over the coming months both within their own school setting and when we invite them in to join us at Lathom High School. We are, of course, keen to provide an opportunity to meet with yourselves as well as with your child in the coming weeks and months.

The key dates to note are as follows:

Primary School Visit – May and June 2019

After the SATS, Mrs Forster Phase Leader for Year 7, Miss Clarke SENCO, Mrs Marshall Senior Leader for Transition and Mr Wilde Head of Maths will be visiting your child in their primary school and, during this time they will also have the opportunity to talk with your child's teacher.

Transition Evening – 4 July 2019 at 5:30pm

We will be holding a parents' information evening at Lathom High School when you are invited to attend and meet some of the key staff who will be working with your child. It is also an opportunity to be supported by the Lathom Team on items such as School Uniform, School Transport, Free School Meals, School Reports, SEND and Pastoral Support. Parents' Forum will also be available throughout the evening to welcome you to the Lathom family. This is an opportunity to meet existing parents who have been on the same journey in previous years and can offer you invaluable support and tips to help your child be successful.

Transition Day – 5 July 2019

Your child will attend Lathom High School for the full day to experience school life and meet their new form tutor. We provide a free lunch on that day. Please send your child in their primary PE kit and bring along a pencil case containing a pencil, rubber and ruler. On the day students will make their own way to and from Lathom High School arriving at 8:45am and finishing at 3:20pm. The school bus timetable is enclosed with



this letter and the return fare is £2.80 To help your child prepare for this experience please help them complete 'Home Learning Activity 1 – Your Profile' which is enclosed with this letter and will be collected as they arrive to school on the day. During the day all students will be measured for their Lathom school uniform. This consists of a blazer, tie and PE kit, all of which is free of charge. Uniform must be collected before the summer holidays, from Monday 15 July to Thursday 18 July between 3:30pm and 5:30pm.

Summer Disco – July 2019

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to meet each other in an informal setting. It is also another opportunity to meet staff and find their way around the school building. We will let you know as soon as the date is confirmed.

Transition doesn't stop in September, throughout Year 7 students are set a series of challenges and take part in a number of exciting events that further develop them and integrate them into the Lathom family.

Year 7 Retreat Day – September 2019

During this day out of school students' work in groups doing a variety of activities to develop skills in resilience, self-esteem and building relationships.

Year 7 Partnership Evening – November 2019

In early November, parents and students are invited to this special evening. There will be a reflection on the first half-term as well as presentations on key aspects of life at Lathom, including accelerated reader, student planners, extra-curricular opportunities and much more.

Year 7 Residential Visit – Summer term 2020

During this residential trip students reflect on their first year at high school and continue to develop the skills required to support them on their journey into Year 8.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Easter and hope you enjoy reading our newsletter, which is also enclosed

Yours sincerely



Mrs J M Galbraith
Headteacher

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Bus timetable
Home Learning Activity 1 – Your Profile
Easter Newsletter