

22nd June 2021

Dear Year 6 Parent/Carer,

Heath Lane Academy Year 6 in to Year 7 Transition Update

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 pupils to Heath Lane Academy, when they join us in August. Normally, we would be welcoming you and your child at our Year 6 Transition Events, including our Transition Days and our Year 6 Transition Evening on Thursday 1st July. Unfortunately, due to ongoing Covid restrictions, all Year 6 Transition activities this summer must take place virtually.

Although we are disappointed that we are unable to meet you in person, we have adapted our plans and we are excited to invite you and your child to our **Virtual Transition Evening on Thursday 1st July**. You will be invited to attend two sessions with our staff. The sessions will be held on Microsoft Teams.

Session 1 (5.30pm - 5.50pm) with Mr Trimingham, Principal, and Mrs Ley, Transition Lead and Year 7 Champion.

<https://tinyurl.com/tnupc4vn>

This session will include a welcome to Heath Lane Academy and an explanation of how we will support our new Year 7 pupils as they start at Heath Lane Academy.

Session 2 (6.00pm - 6.30pm) with your child's Year 7 Tutor.

<https://tinyurl.com/3k4sjtr3>

This session will give more details of our plans for the start of Year 7, what a typical day at Heath Lane Academy is like and our expectations.

There will be an opportunity to ask questions during the Virtual Transition Evening, with members of the Senior Team, along with form tutors, in each session, to answer your queries. We will then post a section on our website the following day to summarise our responses. This page will remain available for you to refer back to over the summer.

In addition to these sessions, we will arrange two face to face events at the start of the new academic year, to support Year 7 pupils and their families with transition this year.

1. A face to face meeting for each pupil and a parent with a member of staff at Heath Lane Academy. These meetings will be arranged for convenient times during the first week of term in August. We will confirm the date and time of your individual meeting in due course. This will be an opportunity to get to know you, to build positive relationships and for you to ask questions
2. Year 7 Meet the Tutor Parents Evening in late September. Our Year 7 tutors will gather information on how your son/daughter has started with us and share this with you in person during short appointments. We will write to you early in the new term to confirm the plans for this event.

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We look forward to meeting you at our Virtual Transition Evening and then in person at the start of your child's exciting journey with us at Heath Lane Academy.

If you have any questions about Transition to Heath Lane Academy please contact our Transition Lead, Susan Ley, susan.ley@midlandat.co.uk.

Yours sincerely



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