



The events we have planned to ensure the journey from Year 6 to Pleckgate is an enjoyable and informative one. More details about each session are highlighted below.

**1st March 2023**

Children are offered a place at Pleckgate High School.

**17th April 2023**

Communication sent to parents to officially welcome their child to Pleckgate in September and share details of transition events.

**24th May 2023**

New Parent Information Evening and workshops for parents (4.15pm - 5.30pm).

**15th June 2023**

‘A Taste of Pleckgate’ - Pupil activity evening (4.00pm - 5.30pm).

**6th July 2023**

Year 6 Transition Day (8.30am - 3.00pm).

**4th September 2023**

Day 1 of Year 7 at Pleckgate.

**14th September**

iPad Event (4.00pm - 5.30pm).

**14th November 2023**

Meet the Tutor evening.





At Pleckgate school we recognise that moving from primary to secondary school can be a daunting experience for pupils and parents alike. For this reason, our carefully tailored transition programme aims to support each family through this process so that moving on to secondary school is a natural next step. But, more importantly, that all our pupils know they belong to the Pleckgate community.



### **New Parent Information Evening (and workshops for parents)** **Wednesday 24th May 2023 - 4.15pm to 5.30pm**

This evening celebrates the start of our formal 'home-school' partnership. During the evening, parents have the opportunity to meet the key staff who will be involved in their child's induction and beyond. There will be a selection of workshops on offer to support parents through this exciting, yet worrying time.

#### **These workshops include:**

- How will Pleckgate support my child with their additional needs?
- What and how will my child learn?
- How can I keep my child safe through secondary school?
- Why reading matters and how can I support my child with reading through secondary school?
- How can I prepare my child for secondary school?

**(A survey will be sent to parents to select workshops that best suits you and your child).**

### **'A Taste of Pleckgate' - Pupil Activity Evening** **Thursday 15th June 2023 - 4.00 to 5.30pm**

This is an exciting evening - an opportunity to experience all that is special about Pleckgate. Pupils will join us for an evening of engaging learning activities in PE, science, art, music, computing and technology. The evening is intended to ensure your child becomes familiar with staff, the building, and our fantastic facilities, as well as getting to know other children who are joining our school.





### Transition Visits for parents and pupils

#### Summer Term

In the summer term, **Mrs Millest** (Head of Year 7 ) and with a wealth of experience in pastoral care, will visit year 6 teachers and find out about your child's academic progress and their pastoral needs. This will enable us to support them with the right advice and guidance and place them in appropriate classes so they can learn successfully in secondary school.

**Mrs Millest** will also present each pupil with a welcome letter from current pupils who will act as their buddy throughout their time in Year 7. We hope that this will reassure your child that joining secondary school is an exciting time for them, but that we understand that some children can feel nervous.



**Mrs Millest**

### Transition Day

**Thursday 6th July 2023 - START 4.15pm**

At the start of July, children will visit Pleckgate where they will spend the day with their new tutor group and form tutor. Teachers allocated to tutor groups in Year 7 will remain with this group of pupils throughout their time at Pleckgate, supporting them through their transition to secondary school and beyond.

During Transition Day, pupils will also meet their 'buddies', tour the school, meet their future classmates and experience some lessons. We know that your children will make new friends and feel excited about joining us in September.

On this day, parents are invited to attend school at 4.15pm, so they are able to hear about the children's first full day at secondary school. Parents will meet the support team, who will guide your child through their first year. Form tutors will talk parents through school routines and expectations and there will be opportunities for parents to ask questions.



### Early Intervention and Additional Support

On occasion, it might be appropriate to provide additional support to those pupils who most need it. The Learning Support Department, led by our SENDCO, **Ms Langfeld**, provides tailored visits for pupils who need a little more support. These are calendared in the summer term and will allow **Ms Langfeld** to understand the needs of all children in school.



**Ms Langfeld**





### Head Start Days

**Monday 4th September 2023**

On the first day in September, Year 7 pupils will have a session in school without any other year groups. This will ensure your child feels ready to start their journey at Pleckgate by becoming familiar with the layout of the school; learning how the canteen works; meeting new friends and staff; experiencing our wide variety of subjects and, above all else, having fun!

### iPad Extravaganza

**Thursday 14th September 2023 (4.00pm to 5.00pm)**

This is an exciting date for our pupils where they receive their Pleckgate iPad. They will utilise this in classrooms to support teaching and learning and at home with home learning.

### During the first few weeks

**Autumn Term**

In addition to the support offered by the form tutor, pupils will also have access to their buddies regularly as part of our Buddy Programme.

### Meet the Tutor

**14th November 2023 (4.00pm - 5.30pm)**

Parents will have the opportunity to meet with their child's tutor to find out how they are settling in at Pleckgate. During this meeting, we will discuss attendance and punctuality, attitude to learning, organisation and the extra-curricular activities in which they have participated.

This will be followed by a more formal academic Parents' Evening in the summer term 2024, two monitoring reports and a formal school report in the summer term.



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