



# Timeline for new year 7 pupils

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.

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Children are offered a place at Pleckgate High School.

**APRIL 16** 

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

**MAY 22** 

New Parent Information Evening and workshops for parents (3.45pm - 4.45pm).

**JUNE 13** 

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

**JULY 4** 

Year 6 Transition Day (9.30am - 2.30pm)

SEPT 3

Day 1 of Year 7 at Pleckgate.

**TBC** 

iPad Event (4.00pm - 5.30pm).

**TBC** 

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 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**

Wednesday 22nd May 2024 - 3.45pm to 4.45pm

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 Taste of Pleckgate' - Pupil Activity Evening

Thursday 13th June 2024 - 4.00pm 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 subjects such as PE, Technology, Art, Science, Computing and Music. 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.



## Visits to Pleckgate

#### **Summer Term**

In the summer term, Miss Hartley (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.

Miss Hartley 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.

### Transition Day - Thursday 4th July 2024

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 journey to secondary school and beyond.



On this day, pupils will 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.

Parents are also 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**

We know that pupils learn differently and some pupils may need additional support to help them access and understand the school curriculum and remember the most important knowledge.

We provide an extensive range of resources, intervention and adaptive teaching to help all children learn successfully at Pleckgate. If you wish for your child to spend some time at Pleckgate before September, please speak to Ms Langfeld, SENDCO who will be happy to discuss how we can support your child.





# **Key dates**

### **Head Start Days**

**Tuesday 3rd September 2024** 

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

**TBC** 

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...

### **Meet the Tutor**

**TBC** 

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 earning, 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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