



RUTLISH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Y6 TRANSITION

Thank you for your patience and understanding whilst we navigate the transition from KS2 to KS3 under the changing government guidance. This letter is one of significant length but contains all of the vital information you will need prior to your child's move into secondary school. All information detailed in this letter can be found on our school website. I suggest you take time to look at the [Year 6 to Year 7 transition](#) and [School Life](#) sections which will give you lots of information about the school, the subjects Year 7 will be studying and the [enrichment and extra-curricular activities](#) on offer.

I look forward to welcoming you and your child into our Rutlish community, and anticipate a highly successful partnership in the coming years that supports the development and achievement of all our students.

INDUCTION EVENTS

CATs (Cognitive Ability Tests)

We have considered the risk of administering these tests in the summer term in line with the current government guidance. After much consideration, we have decided that there is still significant risk when bringing in students from various 'bubbles' and therefore CATs tests will be done in the Autumn Term during the normal school day.

Virtual Induction Evening – Tuesday 29th June 6.30-7.30pm

The evening will comprise of:

- An introduction from Ms Howarth, Headteacher
- A welcome from the Head of Year
- A message from the Head Boy and Junior Leadership Team
- Video clips of the Rutlish Student Experience
- Q&A session - if you would to ask any questions, please complete and submit this form [Question Form](#). Following this a FAQs will be shared with our Y6 families.

Instructions on how to join the meeting will be emailed to you a few days before the event.

Induction Day – Wednesday 7th July

Pending Government guidance, we are preparing to hold an Induction Day in school on 7th July; we will confirm this after half term. Irrespective of summer events, our new Year 7 students will be invited for a full induction day in the autumn term on Thursday 2nd September.



Summer School – Monday 9th August – Friday 13th August (9am – 2.45pm)

We will be running a Summer School during the summer holidays. All students who are joining us in Year 7 from September are welcome to register to attend. Summer School activities will include sessions from curriculum areas such as science and media, as well as sport, performing arts and mental health and wellbeing. If you would like to book your child a place on the Rutlish Summer School, please complete this form by 4th June 2021 [Summer School Form](#)

SEN

If your child has special educational needs or additional needs and is working with our SEN department, you will be contacted separately by our SENCO, Ms Tiberti, or her assistant Ms Hart. Transition events for students with SEN or additional needs will take place virtually.

Transition Handbook

Please click [here](#) to access the Y6 Transition Handbook. This handbook contains all the information you should need before your child joins the school. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if there is anything additional you would like to know.

Student summer activities

Please click [here](#) to access the student summer activities booklet. This booklet contains key spellings to learn before starting Rutlish, Summer Quizzes and wellbeing activities.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Communications with Parents/Carers

Rutlish communicate with parents/carers via 'School Gateway' a service which allows the school to share information quickly via email, text, online and smartphone app. It also saves you and the school time and money. You will need to activate your account before you can purchase school uniform, please see attached instructions, which can also be found on the school website [School Gateway login](#)

To activate your School Gateway account please click on [here](#) for instructions.

Purchasing and collecting of uniform

- **Uniform is purchased via your School Gateway account.** Please see link above to activate your account.
- Please click [here](#) for uniform information on our website.
- **Online purchasing will open on Monday 24th May @ 9am and will close on Friday 2nd July @ 4pm.**
- Collection dates will be either Tuesday 13th or Wednesday 14th July (4pm – 6.30pm) – **you will receive an email with your allocated date and time to collect uniform purchased.**
- More information can also be found in the Transition Handbook on pages 35-36.
- If you are unable to use the online payments system you can bring cash or cheque with you at your allocated date and time (cheques should be made out to Rutlish School). We do not accept Debit or Credit card payments.
- If you have any queries regarding school uniform please email finance@rutlish.merton.sch.uk



Cashless Catering System

The school operate a cashless system in the school canteen, please see pages 35-36 in the Transition Handbook, information can also be found on the school website [Rutlish School - School Meals](#). You login details will be emailed to you at the beginning of the autumn term.

For the first few days of the autumn term please send your child to school with a packed lunch, this is just in case of technical issues when registering the students. Students will be registered for their biometric fingerprints during induction day (consent to biometrics was part of the ICT Agreement forms that were emailed to you at the beginning of May).

Pupil Premium

The Pupil Premium grant is paid to schools for the purpose of increasing the aspirations and attainment of students from disadvantaged backgrounds. The money the school receives is based on the students who are recorded as being eligible for Free School Meals in the last six years, who are 'Looked After' or who have a parent serving in the armed forces. If you think there is any possibility that the school would be able to claim Pupil Premium funding from the Government please visit <https://www.merton.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/free-school-meals>

Activities Day – Friday 17th September 2021

Your child will be invited to participate in the Rutlish School Year 7 Activities Day at the Old Rutlishians Clubhouse, Poplar Rd, Merton Park, SW19 3JS. This team building day provides an opportunity for your child to meet and work with the rest of his year group and tutors in house based teams, all whilst having fun! More details will follow at the beginning of September.

Welcome Aboard and Social Evening - Friday 17th September 2021 5pm – 8pm

We will be holding a Year 7 Welcome Evening for the Year 7 students, their parents and siblings. It is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet with school staff and the other students in your child's year group. The evening will be held at The Old Rutlishians Clubhouse Poplar Road, SW19 3JS. There will be fun activities such as 5-a-side football and a tug of war – for the students and parents/carers. More details will follow at the beginning of September.

Kind regards,



Ms R Doherty
Assistant Headteacher

