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Dear Parent/Carer

Starting at HGS – July 2024 update

We have been finalising our Year 6 Transition Programme and we are looking forward to welcoming your child to the transition days in July. Please find below some important information in relation to the forthcoming transition days.

Transition Days: Tuesday 9, Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 July, 8.40am to 3pm

Our transition team have planned a fun-packed and informative welcome to HGS for your child. Please see the attached information sheet for further details.

PTA Second-hand Uniform Sale: Thursday 11 July, 2.30pm to 4.30pm & during the information evening

Our PTA will be holding their second-hand uniform sale on Thursday 11 July from 2.30pm to 4.30pm in the Hub, next to the main car park. There will also be an opportunity to purchase uniform from this stall during the Parent Information Evening on the same day. The PTA will also be selling raffle tickets at the uniform sale, parent information evening and mini sports morning, with all proceeds going towards our [minibus fundraising campaign](#). The PTA accept card payments.

Parent Information Evening: Thursday 11 July, 6.30pm

We are pleased to invite you to our Parent Information Evening on Thursday 11 July. The evening will start promptly at 6.30pm in the Main Hall, which can be accessed via Main Reception from 6.15pm. The evening is only open to parents as we appreciate that following an exciting three days at HGS, your child may be tired and this gives us the opportunity to talk directly with you.

The evening will include:

- a welcome presentation from Mr Renton, Headteacher and Miss Smith, Deputy Headteacher
- an opportunity to meet with Form Tutors
- examples of uniform will be available to view
- an opportunity to meet our PTA volunteers. Our PTA will also be running a used uniform sale during the evening

Mini Sports Morning: Saturday 13 July, 10.15am to 1.15pm

Our PE team are looking forward to welcoming Year 6 students and their parents to the mini sports morning on Saturday 13 July. If you are now able to attend the Sports Day morning, please do let us know by emailing mail@hgs.rklt.co.uk. It is not too late to sign up for the event.

Date	Timings	Additional Information
Saturday 13 July	Arrival: from 10.00am Register by 10.15am Depart: 1.15pm	Please register students on the Astro turf, signage will direct you from the Arthurs Avenue entrance. Students will have the opportunity to take part in two different activities, with a break at 11.30am. A BBQ and selection of food and drink, provided by our Catering Team, will be available to purchase (card and cash payments accepted).



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Parent Handbook

Please [click here](#) to access our Parent Handbook, a key resource for anyone starting at HGS. It contains detailed information about the school day, expectations, uniform, our enrichment programme, travelling to school by bus, key contact information, catering at HGS and much more. Please do spend some time reading through this handbook with your child ahead of their transition days.

We are looking forward to welcoming your child to HGS for the transition days in July and meeting you on the Thursday evening. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us mail@hgs.rklt.co.uk.

Yours sincerely



Miss Smith
Deputy Headteacher



Mrs Oliver
Year 7 Manager

Transition Days – Key information

Date	Arrive	Depart
Tuesday 9 July	8.40am	3pm
Wednesday 10 July	8.40am	3pm
Thursday 11 July	8.40am	3pm
Students are expected to attend all 3 days		

What to wear

Comfortable clothes e.g. joggers/leggings, t-shirts, sweatshirt/hoodie, trainers. They do not need to wear their HGS uniform or Primary School uniform.

What to bring

- filled water bottle
- pencil and pen
- set of headphones that can be plugged into a PC (jack or USB)
- **£10 in cash on the first day** for school lunches or a packed lunch each day. We will email a link to the menu on Thursday 4 July

Arriving at school

The doors will open at 8.40am on each day and students should enter via main reception (located on Arthurs Avenue). Our Year 7 students will be available to help students.

On Tuesday, students will be guided by our Year 7 students to the Main Hall to meet their form tutor and attend their first assembly.

On Wednesday and Thursday, using the navigation skills acquired on Tuesday, students will make their own way to their form room. Our Year 7 students will be on hand to help.

Plan for the days

Across the three days they will complete a series of activities to help them get to know other students, their form tutor and navigate around the school. They will also attend sample lessons in the following subjects English, Maths, Science, Modern Foreign Languages, Humanities (Geography, History and Religious Studies), PE, Performing Arts and Art/Design.

During the three days we will complete some diagnostic tests. These tests assess the ability to reason with and manipulate different types of material through a series of Verbal, Non-Verbal, Quantitative and Spatial Ability tasks. Together, these tests provide the school and teachers with a profile of each student's reasoning abilities, and as such the core abilities related to learning. These tests, alongside KS2 scores, will provide additional information for each of their classroom teachers to ensure they receive high quality, personalised teaching. The tests require no preparation and form a very small part of the three-day programme.

End of the day

School will finish at 3pm.

We assume students have your permission to walk home. If you would prefer to collect your child from school, please do let us know by emailing mail@hgs.rkt.co.uk with details of the person collecting your child. Students with older siblings at the school can take the school bus with prior arrangement with the bus company.