



Year 6 Transition - Live Q&A Event (21/7/21)

Frequently Asked Questions

Q) In the winter are jogging bottoms or leggings allowed for PE?

A) I get this one asked a lot. It is at the discretion of the PE teacher. In extremely cold weather, we will factor that in when planning our lessons. Do not assume it is ok to bring them but feel free to pack them on colder days.

Q) What shoes can my daughter wear?

A) The Academy policy is black leather shoes. Please check the guidance in the transition booklet, page 12 (which can be found on the website). No boots. No open-toed shoes. No sandals.

Q) Besides all kids been split into forms are they the split into academic groups suitable for their learning level?

A) As I mentioned in my pre-recorded video 2 weeks ago, we are not setting in the first few weeks. Students will be taught as a form group (mixed ability). We will then do some baseline testing in school which will help guide us with setting from October and beyond. We do also have 3 data capture points across the year which help us to analyze data and make any necessary adjustments.

Q) Will the buses be running on Tuesday 7th September?

A) Absolutely. A full service will be running. Y11 will be starting back on the same day too. Please ensure you have all obtained your Young Persons Travel Card from the Metro website. The first application is free and entitles 1/2 price travel on buses across West Yorkshire until the school leaving age of 16. You will need a photograph. The replacement fee is £5

Parents, please support your child in knowing their bus, route and stop. All current timetables are on the website. You can also do a route planner on the Metro website.

www.wymetro.com

Q) Will there be after school clubs available?

A) We are certainly planning to re-launch a full enrichment programme. We have not done this for 18 months but Local Authority RA's are allowing these to re-commence from September. As always, this is subject to change!

Q) Do we need a pass for school buses or just cash/card? Will they need to put their name down for a bus? How will you know if you have enough provision for each route?

A) Young Person travelcards are recommended for all travel. Buses accept cash, contactless and pre-paid travel cards (the travel card can be charged with daily, weekly, monthly credit. Noone needs to put their name down for travel (but this was trialed by the LA a couple of years ago). The LA manage buses, we do not. They base the service on addresses of students who attend the Academy. Y7 will leave lessons 5 minutes early on an afternoon to ensure they get a place on the bus.

Q) Are there any plans for any residential trips?

A) In all honesty, no. We have recently undertaken a DofE expedition, but we were unable to camp. Leeds LA guidelines are changing weekly, and we will respond accordingly. We will always provide what we can for our young people but currently must exercise caution.