

### 2022 July Transition Days

All of our new intake of Y7 pupils are invited to visit the school on both **Tuesday 19** and **Wednesday 20** July. These days are a very important part of the transition as they will give your child a chance to spend a couple of days getting to know their new school prior to starting full time in September. The days are designed to be fun but informative and will include lots of chance to explore the school site, meet new classmates and experience some lessons.

In order for us to personalise the programme at TCS, please follow [this link](#) which will enable you to register. We will inform your child's primary school of their attendance with us on this day.

#### **Overview:**

##### *Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July*

Pupils should arrive at 9am\* ready for a 9.15am start. Meet at the Arts building/auditorium - just next to the main reception and accessed from Exeter Road. This day will focus on exploring the school and meeting new classmates. There will be a welcome talk, tour of the school and lots of fun teambuilding games in their new tutor groups. The day will finish at 2.45pm and pupils should be collected from outside the main reception area.

##### *Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July*

Pupils should arrive at 9am for registration. Meet at the Arts building/auditorium - just next to the main reception and accessed from Exeter Road. This day will give pupils a chance to try some lessons and further explore the school. The day will finish with a farewell talk and chance to ask any questions. Pupils should be collected at 2.45pm from outside the main reception area.

*\*please note that these times are different from the usual school day timings (8.50-3.15) to allow for parents picking up and dropping off visiting Y6s.*

## **What to bring:**

Pupils should come dressed in their primary school uniform. They will need to bring a full water bottle and a packed lunch in a suitable school bag (ideally a rucksack with shoulder straps) that they can carry during the day. On Tuesday we hope to spend time on the playing field so suitable footwear for games should be worn and sun cream/sunhat is advised. If pupils could also bring a pencil case with basic pen/pencil/ruler/rubber that would be very useful - note that for September all pupils will be required to bring a full pencil case each day (details can be found on the website and in parents' guides).

Please note that as a school policy we do not allow mobile phones to be used in school and we would advise that they are not brought in. If pupils do have a phone with them they should ensure it is turned off, in their bag and out of the way. If you need to contact your child during the day, or they do you, this should be done via Student Services.

## **FAQs**

### **Can my child buy lunch at TCS?**

Unfortunately not during the transition days- this is because we use a cashless biometric payment system. Until your child is fully enrolled and registered they will not be able to buy food in the canteen- this will of course be set up for September.

### **How can I get a lunch for my child who is free school meals?**

Please speak to your child's primary school who can usually provide a packed lunch if notified in time.

### **Can my child walk with an older sibling?**

Yes, this is fine. However, pupils already at TCS will have to be in their registration at 8.50am so y6s will need to wait outside the main reception for their day to begin. This will be the same at the end of the day as the normal day finishes at 3.15pm. We cannot allow existing TCS pupils to be late, or leave early due to walking with a sibling.

### **Can my child bring a mobile phone?**

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### **Will my child be with their friend?**

We are creating 6 tutor groups and most children will be in a group with someone they know from their primary. We cannot guarantee friends will be together in class but they will be able to see each

other during breaks and in communal time. Part of the fun of joining secondary school is the chance to form new friendships.

**Does my child need TCS uniform and equipment for the transition days?**

No. Please send them in their primary uniform and with as much of the basic equipment listed above as possible.