

Welcome to Birkenhead Sixth Form College

Congratulations on the beginning of your exciting new chapter.

This email is a comprehensive overview of what to expect in the coming week, so please read it carefully.

Tuesday (1st September) sees the start of Welcome Week at the College to help all of our new students settle into College life.

The week comprises:

Welcome Days

Your Welcome Day is either Tuesday 1st September or Wednesday 2nd September. You will have been notified at your Enrolment which day you are to attend. Please check and if you are still unsure then please call us today on 0151 652 5575.

Please arrive at the main College on Park Road West at 08:45am to collect your timetables – one timetable will be just for your Welcome Day and the other will be your timetable for the Autumn term. You will be provided with a grab & go snack bag and water, but please bring any notepads, pens and/or files you wish to use as teachers will not be able to share materials with you. You will meet your teachers and tutor, and have welcome talks with the Principal and receive training on Microsoft Teams.

Virtual Tutorial

Thursday 3rd September

After meeting your tutor on your Welcome Day, you will have a virtual tutorial on the Thursday via Microsoft Teams, and your tutor will ensure that you have everything you need to be able to fully take part in the virtual component of your learning in the first term of the year.

Virtual Do More, Be More Day

Friday 4th September | 9am – 12:30pm

There is a range of virtual activities that students can sign up to take part in from home on Friday. If you have not done so already, you can sign up here – www.bsfc.ac.uk/virtualdomorebemore. You can sign up to more than one activity, but you must sign up to at least one or you will be allocated a session. You must sign up before 4pm on Wednesday 2nd September.

At midday, the College will be hosting a fun, interactive quiz for you to take part in, with the chance to win some big prizes. You will be emailed a link to your College email account to participate.

College Buses

The College is running six subsidised bus routes, each serving different areas:

- Route 1: New Brighton / Wallasey / Liscard / Birkenhead North
- Route 2: Bootle / Liverpool
- Route 3: Eastham / Bromborough / Bebington / Tranmere
- Route 4: Ellesmere Port / Little Sutton / Hooton / Willaston / Clatterbridge / Woodchurch
- Route 5: Neston / Parkgate / Barnston / Arrowe Park / Noctorum
- Route 6: Heswall / Irby / Thingwall / Prenton

For full details of routes and to buy termly passes, please visit

www.bsfc.ac.uk/collegebuses.

College buses are running on Welcome Days and are free.

If you have already paid for a bus pass or will be getting one as part of a bursary, it will be given to you on your Welcome Day.

Financial Support

We are committed to ensuring that all students have access to the right resources to be successful in their academic studies and remove any barriers to participation. Financial support is available to help cover:

- Travel to and from College (if you live more than a mile from the campus)
- College meals
- Compulsory College trips
- Selected learning materials

Eligibility is based on the government's criteria for free school meals.

In the first instance, please follow this link to check your eligibility:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>

If your application is unsuccessful, we will contact you automatically with further options to demonstrate your eligibility.

Covid Safety

The College has been reorganised and reappointed to be Covid safe, which includes measures in classrooms and corridors. We ask all students to sanitise their hands on arrival and departure from the College.

If you have any symptoms of coronavirus, please do not come into College and let our Attendance Office know by calling 0151 652 5575 and choosing option 3.

For our full Covid Risk Assessment, please go to

<https://www.bsfc.ac.uk/riskassessment>

Tech Check

On your Welcome Day you will also have the opportunity to let us know if you need any equipment to take part in virtual sessions.

We look forward to seeing you in your Welcome Week and hope you enjoy being part of an outstanding College community.

Kind regards,

Birkenhead Sixth Form College