

Brownedge St Mary's Catholic High School

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INDUCTION DAYS – Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th July

Dear Parents, Carers & Year 6

This letter marks an exciting stage in your child's life, as we write to share some important information for their special induction days on **Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th July 2023**. These days are specially designed to help your child to cope with all the changes that moving to high school brings. It is normal to feel a little bit nervous about such a big change, but we do know how you will be feeling, and have lots of staff on hand to make sure every child feels happy and settled at the end of their day. We have exciting induction lessons lined up for you and will answer all those important questions you may have, like: "Will I get lost?" (No!).

The induction days start at 8.50am and on arrival we will meet you on the tennis courts at the rear of the school. You will finish at 3pm and these two days will be good practice for how you will travel to and from school in September. Please bring with you: a packed lunch (unless you qualify for free school meals, in which case your school will tell us) and a reusable bottle of water to keep you hydrated. You don't need to bring a snack for break, as we will have juice and some of our famous cookies ready for you. Pupils should attend both days in their primary school uniform.

As mentioned in previous letters, on **Thursday 6th July, at 7pm, we have a special information evening in school for parents and pupils**, so that parents can meet form teachers, Heads of House, Rachael, our chaplain, and our intervention mentors, whose job it is to make sure everyone feels settled and happy about the move to high school. We will also answer any questions or worries you may have on that evening. Prefects will also be there; these pupils have been at school for nearly five years and will be able to help answer your questions.

As a school we are committed to developing 21st Century learners and since the pandemic, we have been capitalising on our learning gains in how we use technology to enhance the teaching and learning of our pupils. As a future thinking school, we are excited to announce that from September 2023 all our new year 7 students will be loaned an iPad to enhance and deepen their learning. We are currently looking at extending this technology provision, to allow students to take the iPad home at the end of the day to continue with their studies, however there may be an optional, nominal charge for this. We are excited to be leading the way in promoting digital learners for the future and further information regarding this will be communicated in the coming months.

We can't wait to welcome you all on 5 July – don't forget we start at 8.50am in the morning and we will meet you on the tennis courts!

Yours sincerely

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