



May 2021

Dear Student

Welcome to The Joseph Rowntree School.

I am sure you will have lots of questions about transition and moving up to the Joseph Rowntree School. I am already in touch and working with your current school to make sure we support you as much as possible during this transition time.

Today, I have sent out information to your families about the next few months. I have given your families a link to a New Starter Information form for them to fill in and there is a section in this for you to read together and sign.

All our transition information will be sent out via our Weduc App and e-mail. We will also update our school website transition page each time we send out new information. This can be found here: <https://www.josephrowntree.co.uk/parents/admissions/transition>

You will know from your primary school that this past year has seen all schools adapt their usual routines and times of day to adhere to social distancing rules and COVID guidance. Some of these changes have impacted our school life in a positive way and we are currently reviewing some of these, with our staff and students as restrictions start to relax, to decide on what areas we will be continuing with in the next academic year.

Consequently, our Student Guide to 2021 will not be published and sent out to you until after the May half term, to ensure all information is accurate and up to date. You can however check out the current student guide on the transition page on the website.

Our Transition Day for all Year 6 students will take place on Wednesday 7 July.

You should arrive at the main school doors no later than 8.40am.

Wear your primary school uniform and you will need a water bottle, pencil case with a pen and pencil, and trainers. Lunch on this day will be provided for you, with a hot and cold option available, but you can bring a packed lunch if you prefer. The day will end at 3pm.

If you are collected by car, it will not be able to enter the school site until 3.30pm due to school buses arriving and departing.

On this day you will meet your form tutor and members of your form. You will also take part in a number of lessons, and start to find your way around the school. It is always a fun and exciting day and we can't wait to see you!

The Parent/Carer Information Evening will take place on Thursday 8 July, at 6pm.

We have decided to make a decision nearer the time as to whether this will be held remotely on our website or in school. We will contact all families nearer the time to inform them of the details.

On this evening we speak to your parent/carers about what we expect in September when you start..

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DEPUTY HEAD: Mr A Haigh, BSc (Hons)

DEPUTY HEAD: Ms C Mann, BA (Hons)

“Working together to achieve success”

Finally, I would like to tell you about our house challenges that we set throughout the year for our students. These are tasks and activities we set students to take part in that win points for their house. You will find out what house you are in on transition day.

We will be setting 6 challenges in total in the lead up to September for you. If you enter a challenge we will send you a postcard that you can redeem in September for 10 house points!

House Challenge 1 is Stone Painting.

We would like you to decorate a stone using paints or collage. Take a photo of it and email this to contact@josephrowntree.york.sch.uk telling us your name as well. All entries will receive a postcard and we will post some of the photos on our Weduc news feed and twitter. (There are some examples from last year on the transition website!).

Good luck with your first house challenge and I look forward to meeting you on our Transition Day on Wednesday 7 July.

Yours sincerely



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