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Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations on securing a place for your child at St Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy. We are delighted to welcome you to our school community. This is an exciting time for our Year 6 students as they embark on the next stage of their journey, and we hope it is filled with learning, growth and amazing experiences. Year 6 transition can be daunting for our young people and their families, so we have lots in place to support the students and those at home with the move from primary to secondary school.

During the coming weeks our pastoral staff and SENDCO will be working closely with the primary schools to gather information about your child to help ensure their transition is as smooth as possible. Your main point of contact will be Mrs J. McGann our Y6-7 Transition Co-ordinator (see message below).

For 120 years St Anthony's has been committed to fostering a nurturing and inclusive environment that promotes academic excellence, personal development and a love for learning. We encourage you to be actively involved in your child's education so your child can achieve the best possible outcomes.

I look forward to getting to know all our Year 6 students over the coming weeks.

Best wishes,

Mrs Lanaghan
Headteacher

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Dear Parents/Carers,



I am Mrs McGann the KS2-3 Transition Co-ordinator (and Spanish teacher) at St Anthony's Academy. I am e-mailing you firstly to say welcome to our community and thank you for choosing us as your secondary education provider.

Throughout this term, I will be working closely with primary staff and yourselves to learn more about the students so we can best support them during this time of change.

Communication during the transition period will be via e-mail, could I kindly ask you check your e-mail regularly over the upcoming months.

I will be sending you Transition Newsletters over the upcoming term. We know that you will be receiving a lot of new information as you get your child(ren) ready to join St Anthony's. It is the intention of these Newsletters to break down the information to be shorter and more manageable. I encourage you to go through the Newsletters with your child(ren) to open conversations about transition into secondary school.

The following links have been sent in the welcome e mail and are available on our transition webpage as well:

- [Transition Newsletter 1: Welcome/key information](#)
- [Transition Newsletter 2 - Uniform](#)

The next newsletters are:

- Transition Newsletter 3: Teacher Feature – Who is who at St Anthony's and Key Information on our Y6 Parent/Carer Information Evening on Monday 29th June.



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- Transition Newsletter 4: What to expect on the 3 Transition Days in July
- Transition Newsletter 5: Getting ready for September
- Transition Newsletter 6 (September): Welcome to Y7
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Key Dates:

Y6 Parent/Carer Information Evening – Monday 29th June 2026 3.30-5.30pm – you are invited to attend an information evening before the 3 transition days to find out more about how the 3 days work as well as how to prepare over the Summer holidays for starting in September. The School Outfit will be there with a pop-up uniform shop where you can try on and buy school uniform. This may be a useful opportunity now that they are based only in Washington with the closure of the city centre Little Gems.

Transition Days at St Anthony's - Tuesday 30th June – Thursday 2nd July 2026

The students are invited to come to St Anthony's for 3 days to experience our curriculum, meet the teachers and staff, get to know their way around, meet their form tutor and Head of House, and most importantly to get to know each other!

Mrs McGann is organising this - any support that is needed to be put in place before the transition days will be done by working with Y6 teachers and parents/carers.

A newsletter will be emailed to you in advance of the event that is dedicated to the Transition Days and what you need to know.

Wednesday 2nd September 2026 - Y6 Induction Day (first day of school)

The Induction Day takes place in form classes - it is a time to get settled, get to know each other and get organised. No lessons will happen that day but please come with the

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correct equipment. Mrs McGann will be there to support students and families. There will be lots more info to follow in Transition Newsletter about this day.

SEND Transition Support Visits - ongoing throughout summer term

You will be contacted by Mrs Frame (SENDCo)/ Mrs Kingsley (Assistant SENDCo) about specific SEND support for your child.

Please be aware that I work part-time, but I always respond to any email or telephone queries as quickly as possible.

We look forward to getting to know you all over the next few months!

Kind regards,

Mrs McGann

MFL Teacher/KS2-3 Transition Co-ordinator

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