

Transition to George Pindar School: Key Dates and FAQ

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Introductory Days – Thursday 6 and Friday 7 July 2017 - 9.00am – 3.00pm

This visit will allow your son or daughter to meet their tutor and learn about life at our School. It is an important and worthwhile experience, enabling students to feel confident with their move to secondary school. They will have an opportunity to explore our site, visit Georgio’s Bistro for lunch and experience a range of lessons. They should arrive between 8.45 and 9.00am, using the Moor Lane entrance where they will be welcomed by key members of school staff. The day ends at 3.00pm and students can be met at our Moor Lane entrance.

New Parents’ Welcome Evening - Thursday 6 July 2017 - 6.00pm

This event will give parents a further opportunity to ask questions and meet their child’s tutor. The purpose of the evening is to meet key staff who will be working with you and your child over the next five important years, and provide you with a chance to have answered any questions you may have about the school, the curriculum or your child’s future with us.

New Term Commences – Tuesday 5 September 2017

Students should arrive at School by 8.35am and meet in the school yard. They will be met by their tutors and be taken to the hall for their welcome assembly. This first day is for Year 7 students only. Further details will be in your New Starter Pack.

Frequently Asked Questions

Getting Organised	
<p>Q: <i>What do students wear on Introduction Day?</i></p> <p>A: Students should wear casual clothes but please make sure that these are suitable for the School environment.</p>	<p>Q: <i>What will they need to bring with them on Introduction Day?</i></p> <p>A: They should bring a pen and pencil and it is advisable to bring a bottle of water and a snack for break.</p>
<p>Q: <i>Will they need to bring lunch on Introduction Day?</i></p> <p>A: No. We provide a free lunch in Georgio’s, our School bistro. Further information will be provided shortly.</p>	<p>Q: <i>What equipment will my son or daughter need for September?</i></p> <p>A: Students should arrive prepared with an appropriate strong bag big enough to fit A4 , pens, pencils, ruler, crayons and a calculator.</p>

<p>Q: <i>Where can I buy the uniform?</i></p> <p>A: Uniform can be purchased from Rumours on Victoria Road. Representatives from Rumours will be on hand at the New Parents' Evening on Thursday 6 July.</p>	<p>Q: <i>What do I need to do about school transport?</i></p> <p>A: Information on school transport and entitlement to paid travel permits can be found at: http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/23550/School--transport</p>
<p>Q: <i>How much homework will my child receive?</i></p> <p>A: Each subject sets homework which students write in their planner to them help organise their time. They will be expected to complete between 20 – 30 minutes per subject per week.</p>	<p>Q: <i>How are students grouped in lessons?</i></p> <p>A: Students are set according to their attainment in most subjects, based initially on SAT's results and information received from Primary schools. All setting is reviewed and students can be moved between sets to ensure they receive the right level of support or challenge for them. Our tutor groups are all mixed-ability classes.</p>
<p>How do we support your child?</p>	
<p>Q: <i>What if my child is nervous about the move up to secondary school?</i></p> <p>A: We can arrange extra transition meetings for students and parents who are particularly anxious or nervous about the move up to secondary school. This can be arranged by contacting Mrs Firth or Miss Hampshire at the school.</p>	<p>Q: <i>Who do I need to speak with to pass on any medical concerns about my son or daughter?</i></p> <p>A: We would ask that any relevant medical information about your son or daughter is passed on to us directly by speaking to Miss Hampshire or your child's tutor. Our admission form also asks for details of any medical conditions.</p>
<p>Q: <i>Who can my son or daughter speak to if they are worried or upset?</i></p> <p>A: Your child's tutor will see them each day, so they are a good person to speak to with any worries. We also have non-teaching staff including Pastoral Managers and Learning Mentors who offer help, guidance and support.</p>	<p>Q: <i>What happens if my child falls out or has a problem with another child?</i></p> <p>A: Every effort is made to ensure that every child has a positive experience. We have adopted a range of strategies to prevent and reduce bullying, to raise awareness of bullying and support victims. Where isolated incidents occur, they are dealt with swiftly and in line with our anti-bullying policy.</p>

For further information contact 01723 582194

Holiday Dates and Timings of the School Day for the academic year 2017-2018 are detailed below.

HOLIDAYS 2017/2018

The Training/Professional Development Days are as follows:

- Monday 4 September 2017
- Monday 8 January 2018
- Friday 20 July 2018
- Monday 23 July 2018
- Tuesday 24 July 2018

Term dates for students are as follows:

	<u>SCHOOL CLOSES</u> <u>After school</u>	<u>SCHOOL RE-OPENS</u> <u>Morning</u>
2017		
Autumn Half Term	Friday, 20 October	Tuesday, 5 September (Y7 Students) Wednesday, 6 September (All Students)
Christmas	Friday, 22 December	Monday, 30 October Tuesday 9 January 2018
2018		
Spring Half term	Friday, 9 February	Monday, 19 February
Easter	Thursday 29 March	Monday, 16 April
May Day	Friday, 4 May	Tuesday, 8 May
Spring Bank Week	Friday, 25 May	Monday, 4 June
Summer	Thursday, 19 July	

TIMINGS OF THE SCHOOL DAY (2017/2018 Academic Year)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

0840-0910	Tutorial
0910-1010	Period 1
1010-1110	Period 2
1110-1125	Break
1125-1225	Period 3
1225-1300	Lunch
1300-1400	Period 4
1400-1500	Period 5

Wednesday

0840-0910	Tutorial
0910-1010	Period 1
1010-1110	Period 2
1110-1125	Break
1125-1225	Period 3
1225-1300	Lunch
1300-1400	Period 4
School ends at 1400	