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Dear parents and carers

### Transition Information and Key Dates for Year 7 Pupils

Firstly, a huge thank you to all parents and carers who attended our Transition Evening on Tuesday 1 July. It was wonderful to welcome you to The Bulwell Academy and begin this exciting journey together. For those who couldn't attend, or if you'd like to review any details, all information from the evening will be available shortly on the **New Intake** page of our school website.

### Mental Health Support Team (MHST) Holiday Transition Programme

We are delighted to offer a **three-day MHST Holiday Transition Programme** for Year 6 to Year 7 pupils and their families. The programme will cover:

- **Day 1, Friday 1 August: Transitions:** Building Confidence & Managing Change
- **Day 2, Thursday 21 August:** Friendships & Support Networks
- **Day 3, Friday 29 August: Resilience:** Routines & Getting Organised

**Time:** 10:00am – 2:00pm

**Location:** The Bulwell Academy

To participate, please contact me, Emma Worker-Simpson, via [emma.worker-simpson@bulwellacademy.org.uk](mailto:emma.worker-simpson@bulwellacademy.org.uk). On the day, please enter via the main school gate and report to reception, where a member of staff will greet you.

If you do not wish to participate in the workshops but feel you need additional information and/or support, our staff will be on hand on the 3 days listed above to support families and pupils with:

- Attendance queries
- Uniform guidance (see below for policy link)
- Safeguarding and wellbeing
- SEND and medical needs
- General transition questions

### Arbor App & KickBoard Logins

In the coming weeks, you will receive an email with instructions for accessing the **Arbor App** (for school communications) and your child's **KickBoard** login will be sent out in September (to monitor rewards and behaviour).

### Free School Meals

As you may already be aware, the local authority process for free school meals is changing. You will now need to complete a simple online application making the whole process much easier for all to access.

Please follow the link below to apply. Even if you are currently eligible, you will need to re-apply ready for secondary school. We encourage ALL parents to apply, even if you think you are not entitled

<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/entrust>



## First Day of School – Wednesday 3 September

- **Gate Opens:** 08:00am, students should arrive before 08:20am.
- **Arrival:** Please arrive on time and enter via the main gates. Staff will direct pupils to the Year 7 area.
- **On the Day:**
  - Pupils will receive their school tie and a Bulwell Academy pencil case with basic equipment.
  - Enjoy a free meal and cookie at lunchtime. Normal lunch service will begin on Thursday 4 September.
  - Receive their timetable
  - Students will not have PE on their first day.
- **Uniform Policy:** [Uniform Policy Link](#)
- **What to Bring:**
  - PE kit (if timetabled)
  - Water bottle (optional – available to purchase via Arbor App)

All Year 7 pupils will receive a Bulwell Academy black rucksack on their first day. From September all students will be required to bring a black rucksack to school every day. If you have already purchased a black rucksack your child will be able to bring this instead and could use their Bulwell bag as a PE bag.

## Parent Drop-in Sessions

We will hold **Year 7 Parent Drop-in Sessions** during the first week of September. Please follow signs from the main entrance to the designated drop-in area, where staff will be available to answer questions and offer support.

## ‘Meet the Tutor’ Event – Thursday 18 September

Please save the date for our Year 7 ‘Meet the Tutor’ evening on **Thursday 18 September**. Further details will follow via the Arbor App and our website.

## Need More Help?

If you have any questions or need additional support, you are welcome to attend our **Secondary School Readiness Drop In Sessions** or contact us at [enquiries@bulwellacademy.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@bulwellacademy.org.uk).

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to The Bulwell Academy community.

Yours sincerely

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