

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6 Transition to Budmouth Academy

A warm welcome to parents of our new Year 7 cohort in September and it is with great excitement that we also begin to welcome our newest students for 2022. I am delighted to confirm that your child has been offered a place in Year 7 at Budmouth Academy and we are aware that this is an exciting and perhaps also a nervous time for all young people. Thank you for choosing us! We are very pleased to welcome another year group that is full, with all 260 places having been allocated and there is now a waiting list to join the Academy. So, whether you are joining us as a parent for the first time, or if you already have a child with us, welcome to Budmouth! Please find enclosed a Welcome Pack that gives you plenty of information about Budmouth Academy.

A great way to find out more about us is by following our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/BudmouthAcademy/>. You will see that the Academy values both academic and extra-curricular achievements in equal measure and we are proud to show off the fabulous achievements of our students. Already this year we have hosted some Weymouth and Portesham area primary school events and it was so good to meet many of the current Year 6 students. They have made a great first impression.

We will also be inviting you and your child to attend a 15 minute personal **transition virtual meeting** with a member of our Senior Leadership Team. We held these last year and due to their success we have made them a permanent feature. These meetings are an opportunity for us to find out a little more about your child and for you and them to ask any questions about curriculum choices and Tutor group allocations etc.

Please get in touch with us if you have any concerns or worries about your child as they approach the end of Year 6 and below is a timeline for our transition and induction process. Miss Guppy (jguppy@budmouth-aspirations.org) is your first point of contact should you have any concerns or questions about the move to secondary school.

Date	Event
W/C 2nd May	Contact made with Primary school Teachers regarding transition
W/C 9th May	Welcome letter and pack sent to Year 6 parents. Miss Guppy, our transition lead, will email Year 6 teachers with our transition plans and request updated contact information regarding the virtual meetings sent to Year 6 parents.

Wednesday 18th/Thurs 19th May		Year 6 virtual meeting evenings
W/C 6th June/13th June/20th June		Primary School Visits We will visit each child's primary school, followed by meetings with their Year 6 teachers.
W/C 20th June		Letters sent to parents including; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tutor and school allocation - Dates and details of the information evenings - Details of the transition day
Tuesday 28th June 6.30pm		Year 6 Information Evening at Budmouth and uniform fitting A face to face presentation about the transition process for parents and children, with an opportunity to try out uniform and ask questions about year transition.
Tuesday July 5th		Transition Day at Budmouth Academy A good chance for the students to meet their new classmates and get to know their new school a little better.
Friday Sept 2nd		Yr 7 Induction Day (1st day of term for Year 7)

In the meantime, our staff are already working hard behind the scenes to get things ready. In addition, Nita Dooley (Director of SEND and Inclusion) is liaising with the SENDCOs in primary schools to make sure that any relevant information is shared so that we can best support any identified additional needs. If you have any queries with regards to supporting additional needs, Nita can be reached by email: ndooley@budmouth-aspirations.org.

Uniform and Free Uniform Service

I can also confirm that our uniform policy has been reviewed and is in the process of being updated for September 2022. Along with other Principals in the Trust, I took part in conversations at our most recent Regional Board meeting which looked at how we could try and improve the affordability of our uniform and make it more inclusive. One of the key things we are trying to do is reduce the amount of branded items that are compulsory.

We are proud of how smart our students look, but we are also keen to support parents during this difficult period, where the cost of living is increasing so rapidly. I am pleased to inform you that from January 2023, Budmouth Academy school-uniform will be available to purchase via dual supply, with an additional choice of a local supplier. From this date you will have the choice of purchasing your uniform online from Brigade, or purchasing it from local supplier DEP (Dorset Embroidery & Printwear Ltd on Lynch Lane).

Whilst the uniform policy is being amended for September 2022 I can confirm that key changes will include:

- The black jumper with the Budmouth logo will remain available to buy. However, from September 2022 a plain black V necked jumper, without logo, pattern, branding or wording can be worn in its place. The material will need to match our current jumper in terms of its appearance.
- One change that is taking place ahead of next year is with regards to the wearing of shorts. From April 25th 2022 (the start of the summer term) we allowed shorts to be worn. Shorts need to be smart black, tailored, classic style and knee length (reaching no less than 5 cm above the knee). This change has been introduced following student and parental feedback during last summer's very hot spell. I hope this decision does not tempt fate with the British weather. If shorts are to be worn they must NOT be jean like, corduroy or overly tight.

A reminder also please, that black socks are a compulsory part of any uniform here at Budmouth.

We have also recently set up our very own free uniform service here at Budmouth. If you have any spare Budmouth Academy uniform that is clean and in good condition and you are willing to donate to the school, please could you or your child bring it into the main school office? We have set up a free second hand uniform service so any spare uniform can be reused within the school; for example this service can be used for students who may be new to the school, who have forgotten certain items on a day to day basis, have misplaced uniform items and for those who cannot afford to replace it. We are also pleased to announce that in partnership with parents, there is now a Facebook page called "Budmouth Academy Used Uniform". We have already received feedback that this page is working well for parents who wish to buy/sell second hand uniform items from one another. Here is a link to that page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2195826463902586/>

For further information regarding uniform, please contact Mrs Reed at creed@budmouth-aspirations.org.

I hope that you find all of this information useful and we look forward to confirming the final details of these events with you. Finally, I hope that your child is able to enjoy a really happy and successful final term in Year 6. As a parent myself, I know how exciting this time is for them and they will be looking forward to having new adventures. My advice to them is to enjoy every aspect of their last term at primary school.

Yours sincerely,



Mike Hoffmann
Principal