

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 2023. 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 and long series of appeals scheduled for those still wishing to join us as their first choice school. 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!

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 as well as the We Will Rock You Musical and it was so good to meet many of the current Year 6 students. Positive first impressions go a long way.

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. Further details regarding these meetings will be sent in April.

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](mailto: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 24th April	<b>Welcome letter and pack</b> sent to Year 6 parents. Including information regarding booking the virtual meetings.
Wednesday 17th/Thurs 18th May	<b>Year 6 virtual meeting evenings</b>

W/C 5th June/12th June/19th June	<b>Primary School Visits</b> We will visit each child's primary school, followed by meetings with their Year 6 teachers.
W/C 12th June	<b>Letters sent to parents including;</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tutor and school allocation</li> <li>- Dates and details of the information evening</li> <li>- Details of the transition day</li> </ul>
Tuesday 20th June 6.30pm	<b>Year 6 Information Evening at Budmouth</b> A face to face presentation about the transition process for parents and children, with an opportunity to ask questions about year 7 transition.
Tuesday 4th July	<b>Transition Day at Budmouth Academy</b> A good chance for the students to meet their new classmates and get to know their new school a little better.
Monday 4th September	<b>Yr 7 Induction Day</b> (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, Sally Emms (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, Sally can be reached by email: [semms@budmouth-aspirations.org](mailto:semms@budmouth-aspirations.org)

### **Uniform and Budmouth Academy Used Uniform Service**

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. Therefore, I am pleased to inform you that from January this year, Budmouth Academy school uniform is 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).

Please note that from 1st September 2023 we are making changes to our current PE kit. These changes have been implemented to help parents source items easier and cheaper than before. The main changes are that we will have only one option of a PE top and PE jumper (both available to purchase via DEP only) and we will be changing our navy bottoms to black. For more information regarding extra PE items (shin pads etc), please find the updated uniform policy here:

<https://www.budmouth-aspirations.org/parents-information/uniform/>

The new kit will be compulsory for students entering Year 7 from September 2023. A reminder also please, that black socks are a compulsory part of any uniform here at Budmouth. **Some schools also allow black trainers to be worn each day, but we do not.**

We have also recently set up our very own donated 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 Charlotte Reed; Director of Business & Support Service at [creed@budmouth-aspirations.org](mailto: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, and sometimes nerve-wracking 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, as many students will be going their own separate ways as they all make their transition to different secondary schools.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Hoffmann', written in a cursive style.

Mike Hoffmann  
Principal