Year 6 Transition Booklet
2016
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- Student Admission form
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Instrumental lessons at Tytherington School – (Optional)
The Year 6 transition booklet

This booklet has been carefully put together in order to provide families of children moving into Year 7 with as much information and advice as possible so that the transition from primary to secondary education is as smooth and stress-free as it can be.

Chronological layout

The booklet has been put together in a very specific way so that you can move through the pages in a chronological manner; the information at the front of the booklet is information you will need now, moving through the pages towards information you will need for September.

Important documents

At the back of the booklet are a number of very important documents that we would like you to complete and hand-in to us at the Afternoon Tea and Market Place on Wednesday 29th June 2016.
Dear Families,

Welcome to Tytherington School. I am delighted to confirm that your child has secured a place at Tytherington School for September 2016. We are very much looking forward to working closely with all our new students and their families to ensure that the move from primary to secondary education is as effective as possible.

We are an ambitious school at the heart of the community. Our aim is for all students to take an active part in the life of the school. There are plenty of opportunities at Tytherington School and we encourage all students to immerse themselves in all we have to offer.

Over this term we will be visiting the primary schools of our rising Year 7. We look forward to welcoming our new students during our Year 6 Taster Days on **Tuesday 5th July** and **Wednesday 6th July 2016**. The Taster Days and activities which are to follow are explained in detail in this booklet. This booklet also contains a variety of useful information to assist you in supporting your child’s transition to secondary education. If you have any queries then please do not hesitate to contact the school.

I look forward to meeting you and your child very soon.

Yours sincerely

Mr Emmanuel Botwe
Headteacher
Tytherington School
The timeline below lists all of the events that will take place between now and when your child joins us in September. The events are displayed chronologically and the following pages give more information about each event. Attendance at some events is optional, but to those events highlighted in yellow, attendance is expected.

**June**
- **Tuesday 28th June 2016**
  - Technology Workshop
- **Wednesday 15th June 2016 & Wednesday 22nd June 2016**
  - Extra Transition Mornings to be arranged by Tytherington
- **Wednesday 29th June 2016**
  - Afternoon Tea and Market Place
  - 4.30pm - 6.00pm
- **Thursday 30th June 2016**
  - Parent Information Evening
  - 6.00pm – 7.00pm

**July**
- **Tuesday 5th July 2016 & Wednesday 6th July 2016**
  - Year 6 Taster Days
- **Thursday 7th July 2016**
  - School Disco for Year 7 & 8
  - 6.30pm – 8.00pm

**September**
- **Tuesday 6th September 2016**
  - Year 7 First Day at Tytherington
- **Friday 15th July 2016**
  - Primary Languages Festival
  - 9.00am – 12.30pm
We fully understand the size and nature of the changes that lie ahead for your child, so it is vitally important to us that your child is fully supported throughout the transition process. This support can be helped through the development of strong relationships, which is why our transition activities start way back in October as your child starts Year 6. Your child will attend the following workshops/events below with their primary school.

**Wednesday 13th January 2016** – Art Workshop Year 4/5

**Wednesday 20th January 2016** – Play in a Day Year 5

**Tuesday 26th January 2016** – Technology Day Year 5

**Tuesday 9th February 2016** – Technology Workshop Year 5

**Wednesday 2nd March 2016** – Mission Impossible Year 6

**Tuesday 15th March 2016** – Technology Workshop Year 5

**Tuesday 22nd March 2016** – Are you the next Fashion Designer? Year 5/6

**Wednesday 23rd March 2016** – Tytherington 6 O’clock News, Create Writing Workshop Year 5/6

**Tuesday 12th April 2016** – Technology Workshop Year 5

**Wednesday 27th April 2016** – Maths Team Challenge Day, Can you solve the coding problem? Year 5/6
Forthcoming Transition Events

Tuesday 24th May 2016 – Technology Workshop Year 6 (non-feeder students) - 9.00am – 12.00pm

Tuesday 28th June 2016 – Technology Workshop Year 5 – 9.30am – 2.30pm

Wednesday 15th June 2016 – Extra Transition visit for students from non-feeder schools – 9.30am – 11.00am

Wednesday 22nd June 2016 – Extra Transition visit for students from non-feeder schools – 9.30am – 11.00am

Wednesday 29th June 2016 – Afternoon Tea and Market Place Year 6 in the Hall – 4.30pm - 6.00pm

Thursday 30th June 2016 – Year 6 Parent Information Evening in the Hall – 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Tuesday 5th July 2016 – Taster Day Year 6 – 9.15am – 2.30pm

Wednesday 6th July 2016 – Taster Day Year 6 – 9.15am – 2.30pm

Thursday 7th July 2016 – School Disco for Year 7 & 8 - 6.30pm - 8.00pm
From June there are a range of optional activities for children to attend that will help them begin familiarising themselves with Tytherington, its young people and its teachers.

**Extra Transition Mornings – 9.30am-11am (By Invitation only)**

Two workshops have been arranged one aimed at SEN students and the other for students from our non-feeder primary schools.

During these sessions, students will meet key staff, familiarise themselves with the school buildings and take part in team building activities.

- Wednesday 15th June 2016 – Extra Transition Morning
- Wednesday 22nd June 2016 – Extra Transition Morning

**Transition Club – 3.30pm-4.30pm (Open to all)**

Wednesday 8th, 15th & 22nd of June 2016

During these sessions, Tytherington Transition Ambassadors will run team building activities so that our new students can make new friends and ask any questions they may still have about the move to secondary school. Don't miss out on the chance to get involved!

Trainers and sports clothes required.
Tytherington Tea Party & Information Fair

Wednesday 29th June, 4:30pm to 6:00pm

In addition to our Information Evening on Thursday 30th June, the Tea Party and Information Fair is intended for children and their parents to buy essential school equipment, order school uniform and find out about the extra-curricular activities on offer in Year 7. It is also an ideal opportunity to meet staff and students from Tytherington and discuss any thoughts, concerns or questions within a relaxed setting.

If you are interested in attending any of the above, please visit our website at www.tytheringtonschool.co.uk and go to the New Student tab, Transition Clubs and complete the form. Please note that some of the activities are number restricted and these will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you cannot access the website, please contact Mrs Healey on 01625 610220.

A guide to Year 6 Information Evening

Thursday 30th June, 6.00pm to 7.00pm

Please note: It is expected that all parents, carers and children joining Tytherington School in September, attend this important evening.

The purpose of this evening is to give you and your child an opportunity to meet with key members of staff at Tytherington School, ask any questions you may have, to discuss the school’s key expectations and purchase any school equipment.

In addition to meeting your child’s form tutor, you will also meet:

Mrs Healey – Assistant Headteacher

Mrs Rodgers – Head of Year 7

There will also be presentations made by the Headteacher, Mr. Botwe outlining Tytherington’s vision and our expectations and an opportunity to meet your child’s form tutor.
JULY
The Year 6 Taster Days

Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th July 2016

It is expected that all children who will be joining Tytherington in September, attend both days where possible.

This year, for the very first time, the taster days are over two days in July. This is something that we are very excited about and we trust that you will be too!

We’ve got an exciting and busy program of events planned, ranging from taster lessons, an Olympic enrichment project and preparing for life in Year 7. An important part of the taster programme will be the ‘Olympic Challenge’; students will spend time engaged in a range of activities designed to test, develop and strengthen their teambuilding and thinking skills. During both days students will get to know their new class mates and their form tutor better. This time spent familiarising themselves, will ensure that when the big day in September arrives, children are far less apprehensive about what they will face.

Students should make their way to Tytherington by 9am each morning and most children will be collected by coaches from Tytherington if they attend a local partner school. We would also encourage students to walk to school if this is how they intend to travel to school in September.

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Our non-compulsory, familiarisation and welcome events continue right up until the beginning of the summer break.

Year 6 and Year 7 School Disco – **Thursday 7th July, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm**

The disco is another popular event with students; an opportunity to come to school in non-uniform and meet-up with pupils from other primary schools in a relaxed, social setting.

In addition, pupils will also see some familiar faces on the dance floor as pupils in the current Year 7, join the celebration, making the event a truly welcoming one and giving children the opportunity to find answers to the questions that really matter to them rather than the ones that we think they want to know!

This event is run by Friends of Tytherington with staff supervision. Tickets are £1 and can be purchased at the Information Evening on 30th June or paid on the door.
GETTING READY FOR SEPTEMBER
Useful Contact Information

Key Staff at Tytherington

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<th>Role</th>
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<td>Mrs E Healey</td>
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<td>Mrs A Rodgers</td>
<td>Head of Year 7</td>
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<td>Mrs J Timms</td>
<td>Learning Support Manager</td>
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Contact details

Tytherington School  Tel: 01625 610220  email: info@tytheringtonschool.co.uk
Manchester Road
Macclesfield
Cheshire
SK10 2EE

Other useful contacts

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<td>Information &amp; Advice Support</td>
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<td>Parent Pay</td>
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WEAR YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM WITH PRIDE!

- Full school uniform is to be worn on your journey to and from school and at ALL TIMES in school.
- All girls who wish to wear a skirt must only wear the drop waist pleated skirt embroidered with the school logo. Skirts must be of modest length (no shorter than 5cm above the knee).
- Your shirt or blouse (unless it is a fitted blouse) must be tucked into your trousers or skirt and buttoned to the neck.
- During Autumn and Spring terms, a scarf and an appropriately smart coat may be worn over your school blazer outside in the school site, but not in the classroom or refectory.
- The sleeves of your blazer must not be pushed or rolled up.
- Only school related badges are to be worn on your blazer lapels.
- Shirt or blouse cuffs must not be turned up over your blazer.
- The cuffs of your jumper must not be pulled or rolled down below the sleeves of your blazer.
- Trouser bottoms must not be tucked into your socks.
- Girls are not allowed to wear over-knee socks or leg-warmers.
- Boys and girls are allowed to wear one stud or sleeper in the lobe of each ear and one unobtrusive ring and necklace. No other body piercing is permitted.
- Additional jewellery will be confiscated.
- Your hair is to be of a conventional style and cut. Extreme style and colours are not allowed - particularly shaved designs, number one clipper grades and excessive braiding.
- Excess facial or hand make-up will have to be removed.
Expectations of the P.E. Department

Students must always bring their P.E. kit. If you are excused from taking part physically, you will still take part and be engaged in the learning of the lesson.

Sanctions are in place for when students forget items of kit.

If students forget their P.E. kit, they are expected to wear a spare kit provided by school.

The correct P.E kit must always be brought to every lesson.

Any students with long hair are expected to bring air bobbles to every lesson to tie their hair back.

School Uniform Shop

There will be an opportunity to purchase and/or order items of school uniform at the Year 6 Afternoon Tea & Information Fair on Wednesday 29th June 2016.

School Uniform Shop

Careful attention has been given to the question of obtaining school uniform that is smart, practical and reasonably priced. A long tradition of parental co-operation, of which the school is proud, has been established and parents are requested to obtain the correct uniform. This is available to buy from the school supplier, Trutex, who have committed to stocking our uniform.

Please note that school uniform is available for purchase all year round from both the Trutex shop and Trutex Direct. Sponsorship is also provided for our school fund on orders placed.

The school holds a limited stock of ties that can be purchased via reception or the finance office.

The Trutex Shop is open:

9.00am – 5.00pm  Monday – Friday
9.30am – 5.00pm  Saturday

It is conveniently located in Macclesfield town centre. Car parking is available on site.

Contact details are as follows:

Trutex
King Edward Road
Macclesfield
Cheshire SK10 1AP
Tel: 01625 500552
For the many parents who would prefer the facility to order on-line this service is available from Trutex Direct.

Navigate to [www.trutexdirect.com](http://www.trutexdirect.com) and at the password prompt log on by typing in the school reference code: **LEA006342C**. This will take you direct to the Tytherington School uniform page, where you can see all items of our school uniform. This is a secure site where orders can be placed quickly and safely directly with Trutex Direct.

Items of uniform purchased on-line can be delivered directly to your home or a specified delivery address. Postage and packing for standard delivery is £2.95 and for orders over £40 is free of charge. Delivery is normally within 7 working days however during the busiest time towards the start of ‘the back to school’ period this can be extended. Therefore it is recommended that orders for the new school year are placed by early August to ensure delivery.
Students should have the following equipment shown below

A pencil case; 2 black or blue ball point pens; 2 HB pencils; an eraser; a pencil sharpener; a compass; a protractor and a 30cm ruler; a purple biro and a scientific calculator.
Our Curriculum and Ethos

Our vision is simple. We are an ambitious school at the heart of the community. We constantly strive to improve everything we do. Our mission is to provide all students with a high quality education that encourages them to be articulate, resilient, courageous, curious and have the confidence to stand up for what they believe in.

Excellent teaching and learning is at the core of our approach. We provide all our students with a forward-looking and rich curriculum which allows them to develop the skills and knowledge required to grasp any opportunities the future may present. Our ethos encourages students to be articulate, resilient, courageous, curious and to have the confidence to stand up for what they believe in. We are very proud of our strong culture of academic.

Curriculum Micro-site

In September, there will be a new KS3 micro-site available for students and parents/carers to use that will provide resources and support for all areas of KS3 from homework to independent study skills.

Homework

From September 2016 onwards we will be using ‘Show My Homework’ to record your child’s homework. Students will be issued with a Log in to see a personalised homework calendar. Also an account will be set up for parents/carers to log in. Information on this is to follow.

Developing Leadership

Providing opportunities for students to take responsibility

Students are actively encouraged to take posts of responsibility, many of which are through our Year Group and House structure. Students are elected by their peers to posts of responsibility. These include:

- Form Captains
- Student Parliament Representatives
- Sixth Form Leadership Team
- Charity Representatives
- Sports Captains
- Librarians

Student Peer Mentors are trained to work alongside younger students to help guide them through early years or at other key times in their education. Additional opportunities also exist via our extremely popular Duke of Edinburgh awards (Bronze, Silver and Gold), the Young Ambassador Programme, and our Sports Leader qualifications (JSLA and CSLA).
For good effort, students will be awarded with achievement points. These are given to students who have worked hard throughout the day. However, there are also behaviour points and these will be given to your child if they are not on task or following instructions.

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<td>- Outstanding piece of work that is shown to the Headteacher</td>
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<td>- 100% Attendance in a half-term</td>
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<td>HP4</td>
<td>- Excellent piece of work that is above expectations (e.g. one whole level above target level)</td>
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<td>- 96-99% Attendance in a half-term (awarded by Form Tutors through information from Year Teams)</td>
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<td>HP3</td>
<td>- Excellent piece of work that is above expectations (e.g. above target level by two sub-levels)</td>
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<td>- Excellent contribution to a lesson</td>
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<td>- Help around school without being asked</td>
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<td>HP2</td>
<td>- Very good piece of classwork that is above expectations (e.g. meets or is above target level by one sub-level)</td>
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<td>- Good piece of homework</td>
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The ‘Book Worm Club’

We believe strongly in the development of a Year 7 curriculum that will enable every student to become first secure in their literacy and numeracy abilities and then to excel in these core skills.

One crucial skill that students must secure before moving forward in their academic careers, is comprehension – their ability to understand information that they are presented with. Reading books is a very successful way of improving a child’s comprehension ability.

Last year we started to follow a very successful programme, called ‘Accelerated Reader’, which supported by a wider curriculum, has seen an increase in the amount of reading that all students are doing together with measured improvements in reading ability, comprehension and self-confidence.

In September 2016, we are introducing the ‘Book worm Club’ programme for Year 7 students, which continues to strengthen students’ literacy skills. Year 7 students will take part in the programme two mornings a week for 15 minutes from 8.30am-9.10am.

‘Book Work Club’ is a creative reading programme that enables students to not only read exciting and challenging new materials, but where they may also be read-to, by teachers and other staff and where they will be able to discuss and question the materials that they are reading in a friendly and engaging setting. We are passionate about reading and about helping children develop a passion of their own, built upon confidence.

Please be aware that this programme is a compulsory element of the Year 7 Curriculum and absences will be monitored closely.
Attendance to school

Tytherington School has seen a consistent increase in attendance & punctuality to school. The school’s target for Year 7 attendance is 96%.

Things you should know about our attendance expectations

- **Without exception no holidays will be authorised for pupils in Year 7**
- Students moving to Tytherington, whose attendance is a concern at primary school, will have their attendance monitored during the summer term (June-July). These families may be visited by our Pastoral Team prior to September.
- Students whose attendance continues to be a concern during the summer term may be placed on a ‘Fast-Track’ monitoring scheme at the beginning of September.
- The attendance ‘Fast-Track’ is an intensive monitoring period which can lead to a fixed penalty fine being issued if targets have not been met at that time.
- Students receive 50% of a day’s attendance mark if they arrive at school and register before 09.10am.
- **Students must** still be in school at 12:00pm in order to receive the second 50% mark for the day.
The following are interconnected effects of absence from school that studies have shown your child is likely to experience owing to poor attendance:

- Academic underachievement
- Difficulty making friends
- Loss of confidence and self-esteem
- Engagement in premature sexual activity [and other issues that lead to concern for a child’s safety]
- Stress amongst [those students that are] young carers \(^1\)
- Impaired socialisation for work

From “Absence from School: A study of its causes and effects” (DfE, 2003)

With respect to “academic underachievement” the table to the right shows how attendance can have a startling effect on the results that any student may achieve at Key Stage 4.

This is why our **school attendance target is 96%** as it helps to prevent the above negative effects and gives students the best opportunity to achieve, be happy and have better opportunities in their future.

All of the above interconnected effects will also impact upon, and possibly stem from, other factors, including:

- The effects on other pupils – e.g. friends feeling deserted, disruption in class when absent students return, resentment amongst those students with good attendance, etc…
- The effects on teaching – e.g. attention has to be diverted from the whole class owing to disruption and poor attenders having to be ‘caught up’, impaired ability to build teacher-pupil working relationships, difficulty in being able to accurately assess and track absent pupils, etc…

\(^1\) “Stress amongst [those students that are] young carers” only applies to those students that are expected to care for others in their family, which may be the reason for their absence.
Documents to complete and return to us

These documents should be completed and returned on Wednesday 29th July at the Afternoon Tea & Information Fair

Student Admission form
Home school agreement
Image consent form
Biometric consent form
Out-of-school visits/activities consent form

Instrumental lessons at Tytherington School - (Optional)