

# Testwood Year 6 Transition Bulletin



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome again to you all to this month's Transition Bulletin.

This month I would like to share further information with you and signpost you to our website for key pieces of information that you may not already be aware of. By Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June I hope to have our Transition Year 6 page on the website for you, with a welcome from myself and our current Year 7's. It will be highlighting our vision and expectations for the new school year.

The screenshot shows the Testwood School website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for HOME, SCHOOL LIFE, STUDENTS, PARENTS, TRUSTEE, VACANCIES, COMMUNITY, and CONTACT US. Below the navigation bar is a large banner with the text "Welcome to Testwood School". Underneath the banner, there is a blurred background image of a person's hands. Overlaid on this are two white call-to-action boxes. The left box contains a blue icon of a newspaper and the text "Latest News". Below it, smaller text reads "Please click here to find our latest Newsletters and communications.". The right box contains a red icon of a calendar and the text "Diary Dates". Below it, smaller text reads "Please click here to see our key dates and upcoming events". At the bottom of the page, the text "Kind and Supportive Teachers" is visible.

The Home, School Life and Parents sections should be utilised and used for any information not known as yet, such as in School Life you will find information on; equipment, school uniform expectations and the structure of the school day.

In the parents' section is also a guide to Accelerated Reader and how it is used within the school.

## RENAISSANCE® Parent's Guide to Accelerated Reader

### What is Renaissance Accelerated Reader (AR)?

AR is a reading program that helps teachers support and monitor children's reading practice. Your child picks a book at their own level and reads it at their own pace. When finished, your child takes a short online quiz to measure how much of the book they understood.

### What is a Renaissance Star Reading test?

Star Reading is an online test used to measure your child's reading level. The test uses multiple-choice questions and takes around 20 minutes.

### How do students select books?

AR includes over 30,000 books. These can be found in the school library as well as public libraries, books shops, homes, etc. Each book is assigned three scores to help your child make a suitable choice:



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I am currently in the process of visiting our feeder schools, liaising with them as regards our groupings for tutor groups, awaiting relevant data on each child and putting together the programme for our Transition Days on 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> July. Over these three days there will be a range of subjects for all children to experience, and I will let you know more information in the next month's bulletin. Our aim is for your child to come away feeling as though they:

- \*\* know the layout of the school
- \*\* have met some of the key members of staff who they will be working with on a daily basis.
- \*\* know what a lesson will feel like. We will have taster sessions of some lessons to give your child a feel of what a secondary classroom looks like, how a session runs and how timings will work
- \*\* know what lunchtimes will feel like with an opportunity to appreciate and experience the canteen

After half term, Mrs Pitman and several of our current students will be visiting the Year 6s in our local schools. This is an opportunity for your child to have really honest and open conversations about any concerns that they are having. These are often about really practical things like: where the toilets, who can I speak to if I'm worried, what happens if I get lost, how much homework will I get?!

### Music Lessons at Testwood

**Shared Instrumental Lessons** £82.00 a term - 10 lessons

Available for Keyboard, Drum-Kit, Guitar, Brass, Woodwind (including Saxophone) & Voice

Please contact Mr Byrne @ [cbyrne@testwoodschool.co.uk](mailto:cbyrne@testwoodschool.co.uk)

**String Lessons** £41.00 a term - 10 lessons

Available on Violin and Cello Free instrumental hire

Please contact Mr Byrne @ [cbyme@testwoodschool.co.uk](mailto:cbyme@testwoodschool.co.uk)

Please contact our Head of Performing Arts, Mr Byrne, directly ([cbyrne@testwoodschool.co.uk](mailto:cbyrne@testwoodschool.co.uk)) if you require further information on music lessons.

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### School Uniform

**Skoolkit**

Message from Skoolkit:

It's that time of year again when Skoolkit are preparing for their summer peak trading time and we are running a 10% discount week at our Totton branch in July in which we would like to include your school.

The discount week will run from Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July and any Testwood School new parents will receive 10% discount on any purchases made during those dates.

The code for free delivery, if you order online, is SUMMER2022. This code runs from Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July to Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July. The last online order deadline date is Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August.

Please visit in store or <https://www.skoolkit.co.uk/school-uniform/17>

### PE Kit/clothing for Testwood

The expectation is that all pupils will have a PE (House) shirt, black shorts, trainers (appropriate footwear-i.e. football boots for use on the field) for their lessons. From November-February half- term pupils are encouraged and should be either wearing the school PE fleece or a school games (rugby) shirt over their PE top. Black Testwood tracksuit bottoms (or plain black) are also allowed. More recently (base layers), training under garments can also be used (black) to keep warm and to ensure pupils are looking part of a team.



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### **Dates for your Diaries**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June- Year 6 Parents Induction Evening 6-730pm

Transition Days- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July

### **Start of September Term 2022:**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September-Testwood School INSET days (no pupils)

Start of term for all pupils: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022

I would also take this opportunity to see if there are any children who perhaps need some form of extra transition period. This might be because they are the only child coming from their school or are feeling a bit wobbly or suffering with nerves or anxiety. Please let us know if there is anything which we can do to help ease the transition for your child.

I hope that this months' update has kept you in the loop and you are all looking forward to the Transition Days, particularly the Year 6 pupils. If you have any concerns or questions, then please email me.

Thank you and have a lovely half-term week!

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