Testwood Year 6 Transition Bulletin

March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to you and your child to Testwood School. As you are aware, your child has been allocated a place at Testwood School to start in Year 7 from September 2023. My name is Mr Manning and I am delighted to be your child's Year 7 leader from September 2023.

The purpose of this Year 6 Transition Bulletin is to ensure you are all kept informed of transition information and to support your child during the Spring and Summer term. I hope to send out this communication to our feeder schools on a monthly basis to pass onto you.



Mr Manning Year 7 Leader 23-

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--Year 6 Welcome pack to parents--

You will all receive a welcome pack from Testwood via your child's school. They have been delivered to several of our feeder schools in envelopes to be brought home by your child.

The contents will include; Admission to Year 7 Checklist: Data Collection Sheet, Educational Visit Consent, Medical Consent, Free School Meals, Photo Consent, IT Agreement, Cycle Permission.

These forms need to be completed, signed and returned to Testwood School by Wednesday 19th April 2023. Late forms will only slow down the whole transition process for everyone as a lot of the organisation of tutor groups relies on these forms being returned.

Thank you all in advance for your support with this.

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I am aware that the transition to secondary school can be a daunting one. To put you and your child at ease below are just some of the comments from our current Year 7's about their first year at Testwood.

'All the teachers will help you and are very friendly'

'I like how there is a wide selection of subjects'

'I like how when joining Testwood the teachers are really reassuring and will always help you'

'I like how the students are friendly and help show you around'

'I love how it is a new start and a new opportunity to make friends from different schools'

'I love all the extra curricular activities and sports on offer and they are *free*!'



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YOUNGMINDS

Provides advice and tips to support the transition process. I

hope you find this useful, especially if this is your first child to move into secondary education.

https://youngminds.org.uk/resources/school-resources/find-your-feet-transition-tips-forparents/

Find Your Feet: Transition Tips for Parents. 10 ways for parents to help their children cope with change.

I hope that you have found this first bulletin useful. Each month I will aim to introduce further information and guidance to assist you through the process. I also hope to offer some re-assurances and to ensure you receive regular updates.

I look forward to working with you and your child over the coming months to ensure their transition to Testwood School is as smooth as possible.

If you have any concerns or questions, then feel free to email me.

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