

# Testwood School

## Year 6 Transition Bulletin



June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Parents and Carers Information Evening. Thank you so much for coming and I hope you found it a useful evening. All the relevant information from the evening can be found on our website at:

<https://www.testwoodschool.co.uk/year-6-transition/>

This bulletin is to provide you with further details about the **Transition Day on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July.**

### **Times of the Day**

The times of the days are **8.20am** arrival for an **8.30am** start and finish at **2.50pm**.

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July, please could all children go to the Main Hall **by 8.30am**. They will be able to enter the school site via the Pupil Entrance (which is the gate on the left as you look at the school) and they will be welcomed by teachers and shown where they need to go by our guides.

All the children will be sat in their tutor groups and then Mr Webber and I will deliver a short assembly, explaining what will be happening during the day. Following the assembly, they will have an activity in their tutor groups, before having a series of lessons. They will be shown which rooms to go to and supported in lessons by our excellent student guides.

The day will finish at **2.50pm** and they will be escorted to the Pupil Entrance by their teachers and guides and will then be able to be collected or to walk home. The rest of the students in the school will finish at 2.55pm. If you are collecting your child by car, please do not wait or park on the yellow zig-zag markings. Please be courteous towards our local residents and do not park across residents driveways. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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### **What to wear**

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July, as they will be taking part in physical activities, **the children will wear their PE kit.**

### **Food**

We will be providing food for all of the children at break and lunch. However, if you wish to provide any food yourself, please feel free to do so.

**Important: if your child has any dietary needs or food allergies, please let me know as soon as possible.**

### **Headteachers Welcome**

I am delighted and honoured to be taking over from Mrs Pitman as the Headteacher of Testwood School in September. Having been at Testwood for the past 6 years as Deputy Headteacher, I feel that I know the school well and understand the significant role it plays in the local community. I have learned that this is a fabulous school, with a team of motivated and caring staff, fine students, and engaged and supportive parents. It is truly an honour to be only the 9<sup>th</sup> Headteacher in the 77 years of the school's existence. I am to build on the great work of all the Headteachers who have gone before me in ensuring that Testwood students learn more, achieve higher and develop into even more well-rounded young people who go on to make positive contributions of their own. I was born in West Sussex but my first school was in Malawi. Returning to the UK, I attended primary school and secondary school in West Sussex. I went to a sixth form college for my A' Levels and then obtained a History degree from the University of Cambridge. It was there that I realised that I wanted to become a teacher so I completed my teacher training and became a History teacher. I started my career in two schools in West Sussex, before relocating to Hampshire. I have worked in schools in Southampton, Hampshire and Wiltshire since then, teaching a variety of subjects but always maintaining my love of History. I benefited from a great education, where I felt cared for, supported and challenged to develop. I enjoyed my education (though perhaps not every day of it) and it has helped to shape who I am today. I want every child to have the same positive, enriching experience of education that I did. I look forward to getting to know you during the next 5 years that your child is at Testwood.

**Mr Webber**

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We are really hoping that the Transition Days will be a really positive experience for your child and will help them feel ready and excited about starting at Testwood School in September.

### **FAQs**

Are blazers compulsory?

***Yes, blazers are compulsory. During the colder months students have the option to wear a Testwood school jumper underneath their school blazer.***

When would we get our timetable?

***Students timetables will be given to all students on their first day at Testwood in September. Please note students will not be in their tutor groups for their 5 lessons per day.***

When will we find out about after-school clubs?

**The extracurricular timetable will be released in September. Remember they are all free of charge!**

Will all of Year 7 be starting at the same time as the rest of the students in September?

***No, Tuesday 5th September (1st day back after summer term) will be a day for just Year 7 and 11 students.***

If you have any questions or concerns at all, please let me know by calling 02380 862146 or by emailing [cmanning@testwoodschoo.co.uk](mailto:cmanning@testwoodschoo.co.uk)

Thank you for your support and we really look forward to working with you.

**Mr C. Manning**

### **Dates for your Diaries**

#### **Start of September Term 2023:**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September -Testwood School INSET days (no pupils)

Start of term for Year 7 pupils: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023