

Additional information for parents - Outwood Academy Bydales' Transition Week 2017

As your child starts the last half term of primary school it is inevitable that thoughts turn to September and life at Outwood Academy Bydales. The staff and students at Outwood Academy are very much looking forward to meeting and working with Year 7 students.

To help us get to know your child and to give him/her the opportunity to get to know us we would like to invite students to attend a transition period, giving them a taste of what life at Outwood Academy Bydales will be like. They will begin on Monday 17 July and finish on Friday 21 July 2017. Each day will begin at 8.20 am where students will need to report to the Main Hall for registration. Each day will end at 2.30 pm. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their son/daughter have appropriate travel arrangements to and from the Academy.

On the morning of Monday 17 July, we will begin by completing some housekeeping tasks with all students such as issuing planners and timetables, scanning fingertips, taking photographs and a brief tour. In the afternoon and for the majority of the week, students will be accessing curriculum lessons. We feel this is the best way to ensure students settle into life at Outwood Academy Bydales as it gives them a true taster of day-to-day life in secondary school, whilst in most cases meeting the teachers and classes they will carry on with in September.

We will be organising one day where students are off-timetable to for an Enrichment Day, whereby students will visit a number of Enrichment taster sessions. There are a vast number of Enrichment sessions on offer in school throughout the year and this will give students an opportunity to try some out ready for September, when they can access sessions from 2.30-3.30pm. Unfortunately, for safeguarding reasons we are unable to allow students to stay for enrichment during Transition week.

During Transition week, teaching staff will not use the Consequences system with Year 6 students however if there are any concerns with regards to behaviour, students and primary schools will be made aware that from September, a behaviour may have resulted in a consequence. We feel this is a good opportunity for students to gain an understanding of how the behaviour system works, so they are clear of the expectations for good conduct.

Below you will find some key contact information for staff at Outwood Academy Bydales. All our staff can be contacted by telephone on 01642 474000.

Key Contacts:

Katie Gates – Transition Co-ordinator
Seana Rice – Vice Principal (Deep Support)
Fran Reid – Year 7 Learning Manager

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Other useful numbers:

Suzanne Hamilton – Finance Manager (advice regarding Parent Pay)
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Free Schools Meals Department, Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council (01642) 774774

What to do next

Please complete the enclosed forms and return to Outwood Academy Bydales either in person or by post no later than **Wednesday 21 June**. Please note without this form your child will NOT be able to attend the Transition days.