



12th May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 6 Transition to Year 7

We are delighted that we will be welcoming your child to Ely College this September. The move to secondary school is always a worrying and exciting time for parents and children as they take the step up to us at the college. In order to ensure your child is ready for their first day in September, we have put in place a full transition programme. Please be assured we have already started working with staff in the primary schools to ensure information is shared and your child's transition is as smooth as possible.

As part of our programme we are planning on running the following events:

Tuesday 4th July – Virtual family information event 5:30pm

An invite will be sent out closer to the event.

Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th July – One 'in college' induction day for each student

Wednesday 5th July 2023 – St Mary's and The Lantern children.

Thursday 6th July 2022 – Children from St John's, The Isle of Ely, Downham Feoffees, Rackham Primary, Littleport Primary, Millfield Primary, Little Thetford Primary and all other primary schools.

Tuesday 18th July – In college 'meet the tutor' event 3:45pm -5:15pm

Each family will be given a specific time when they can come into college and meet their child's form tutor. Invites will be sent out closer to the event.

Uniform

For September your child will need to be wearing the college uniform. This includes a grey jacket, black trousers or skirt, white shirt and House tie. Uniform can be purchased online through the link on the college website, directly from the supplier www.price-buckland.co.uk or locally from Paul Days. A digital sizing guide and instructions on how to order can be found on the transition page of our website:

<https://www.elycollege.com/page/?title=Year+6+Transition&pid=206> In addition to this there is a fact sheet on the uniform. You will not be able to order your child's uniform until you have been informed which House they will be in.

House Allocation

The allocation of Houses is completed by our data team using the information we have about a student. Siblings will be allocated to the same House and then after that we look to achieve an even distribution of academic ability, additional needs, sporting ability etc. The House a student is in has no impact on their daily teaching groups. Once we have allocated the students their House, we will inform you of this.

WisePay

Ely College operates a secure online payment system that allows parents/carers to load the catering account of students and pay for trips and visits. More information will be shared in due course.

Language Choice

All Key Stage 3 students take a modern foreign language as part of their curriculum. We will aim (but cannot guarantee) to meet your child's preference of language. You can inform us of your child preference via the vital details form.

Vital Details

Please can you complete the following form by 22nd May 2023.

<https://forms.office.com/e/5aKMaCENU9>

The form will provide us with key information about your child: emergency contact details, medical conditions etc. If you have any problems or questions about the form, please email:

datateam@elycollege.co.uk It is essential we have up-to-date and accurate contact information on all students, as well as authorisations for school systems.

EduLink

EduLink is the platform that we use at Ely College to keep parents informed about their child's achievements, behaviour, timetables and more. Login details will be sent out at the start of September.

We have created a welcome video aimed at answering key questions. This video can be found on the transition page of our website: <https://www.elycollege.com/page/?title=Year+6+Transition&pid=206> along with our virtual tour. If you, or your child, have any questions or concerns not addressed in the video, please explore our website, or contact us via email at: transition@elycollege.co.uk

I very much look forward to welcoming your child to Ely College and working with you in partnership to ensure their success.

Yours faithfully



Mrs S Goodey
Vice Principal