



18th April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 6 Transition to Year 7

We are delighted to welcome your child to Ely College in 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 college. 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 the following events:

Tuesday 11th June 2024 – Virtual family information event 5:30pm - An invite for this event will be sent out closer to the event.

Tuesday 18th June 2024 – Meet the House Team event 3:30pm - 5:15pm - Each family will be given a specific time when they can come into college and meet their child's House team. Invites will be sent out closer to the event. Please note each House may have a different time.

Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th July 2024 – One in-college induction day for each student 8:40am – 2:45pm

- Wednesday 3rd July 2024 – St Mary's, St John's, Littleport Community Primary and all other primary schools.
- Thursday 4th July 2024 – Students from The Isle of Ely, The Lantern, Downham Feoffees and Millfield Primary.

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 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 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 30th April 2024

<https://forms.office.com/e/wnLj3KAaTr>

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S. Goodey". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mrs S Goodey
Vice Principal