

28<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

### Year 6 Transition to Year 7

We are delighted that we will be welcoming 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 the 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 on running the following events:

#### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – Virtual family information event 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Please use this link to access the event: [https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_OTdiNWI1ZjgtYzRmMC00YzQzLTgyOWUtNDZlZWU5NGE1ZTA0%40thread.v2/0?context=%7B%22Tid%22%3A%22e1d9b829-9816-4c54-9d9c-ade2d8e3aa6e%22%2C%22Oid%22%3A%2267a83acd-7957-4ed6-91e1-609885863e2d%22%2C%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3Atrue%2C%22role%22%3A%22a%22%7D&btype=a&role=a](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_OTdiNWI1ZjgtYzRmMC00YzQzLTgyOWUtNDZlZWU5NGE1ZTA0%40thread.v2/0?context=%7B%22Tid%22%3A%22e1d9b829-9816-4c54-9d9c-ade2d8e3aa6e%22%2C%22Oid%22%3A%2267a83acd-7957-4ed6-91e1-609885863e2d%22%2C%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3Atrue%2C%22role%22%3A%22a%22%7D&btype=a&role=a)

#### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – Meet The House Team event 4:45pm -5:15pm

You will have the opportunity to meet your child's Senior Tutor and their Student Support Assistant. You will also gain an understanding of the support Houses offer to each child. There will be limited parking on site, if you live locally, we would appreciate you walking or cycling to the event. Each House will be given a specific date and venue:

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025 (4:45pm – 5:15pm)

Etheldreda House – Needhams Gym. Please use the layby entrance.

Franklin House – A Block Hall. Please use the main entrance.

Scott House – Needhams Hall. Please use the layby entrance.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025 (4:45pm – 5:15pm)

Seacole House – Needhams Gym. Please use the layby entrance.

Equiano House – A Block Hall. Please use the main entrance.

Turing House – Needhams Hall. Please use the layby entrance.

Please note House allocations are yet to be completed. We will share this information with you in due course.

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – One in college induction day for each student 8:40am – 2:45pm**

- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – Students from The Isle, St John's, Littleport Community Primary, Millfield Primary, Rackham, Stretham and all other primary schools.
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – Students from The Lantern, Downham Feoffees and St Mary's.

Please ensure your child arrives at the main reception, in their primary school uniform at 8:40am. They will leave the college site at 14:45pm via the same entrance. If your child normally walks home unaccompanied, they may do this on their transition day. If your child is going home with an older sibling who already attends college, please can you ensure both children have a prearranged pick-up point. We suggest the college's main reception.

The children will experience a range of lessons during their time with us. Please note that different groups will have different lessons. All children will not experience the same set of lessons. For example, some may have a geography lesson while others undertake a history one. The group your children is in will not be the class they will join in September.

Please send your child into college with a packed lunch and a refillable water bottle. If your child normally receives a free school lunch, we will provide a packed lunch for them.

### 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](http://www.price-buckland.co.uk) or from Paul Days in Ely. 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 uniform fact sheet too. You will not be able to order your child's uniform until you have been notified 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's preference via the vital details form.

### Vital Details

Please can you complete the following form by 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025.

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

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](mailto: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.

### My Child at School

'My Child at School' is the platform we use to keep adults at home 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 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](mailto:transition@elycollege.co.uk)

### Getting Ready for Change – Health Questionnaire - Year 6

Local NHS clinicians have created an online health questionnaire that can be your 'Getting Ready for Change' checklist and help you to understand the health of your child as they move from primary school to secondary school (Year 7). This invitation goes out to parents or carers living in Cambridgeshire or Peterborough who have a child aged 10-11 years. It covers lots of points from hearing and eyesight through to emotional health and behaviour. You can complete it on your mobile device or laptop. After answering seven questions a summary report will be produced for you with links to helpful information and support.

You can access the questionnaire by using this link:

<https://portal.cambspborocyphs.nhs.uk/GRfC/Year6>

You can access the promotional video using this link:

<https://vimeo.com/811243750/e8e4305382>

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