



HEADTEACHER: Mr I Bacon

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I would like to reiterate Mr Bacon's previous welcome and say how delighted I am that Watling Academy will be your child's secondary school. We cannot wait to invite all students into school in September to begin their journey with us.

At Watling Academy, we place a huge importance on transition from primary to secondary school as children move on to the next stage of their education. Transition for them may well be exciting but with it, also comes the unknown. With this in mind, we will do everything we can to support our students through the transition process, working with you and them to ensure it is smooth and successful and they are positive and confident about September.

As you are aware, at this time of year we are planning opportunities for students to meet their new classmates, meet their new teachers and experience lessons at Watling Academy. We will also have specific transition activities for students with additional needs.

Communication with Primary Schools

We have already contacted primary schools and are collecting information about students from their Year 6 teachers and others within their primary schools. Mrs Bennett, our Special Education Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENDCo) is also gathering information from primary school teachers and SENDCOs, to ensure we are ready to support the needs of our incoming cohort in September.

We are developing a wealth of knowledge regarding all students' pastoral needs, interests, academic progress and experiences at their primary schools. We will use information gathered to carefully prepare for the new academic year, this will include the allocation of students to tutor groups.

Transition Days – 2nd, 3rd and 4th July 2024

The allocated day for your child will be **Tuesday 2nd July**, can you please confirm that your child will be attending by clicking on this link:

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On this day students will arrive between 9:15am and 9:30am. There will be members of staff located at the school gate to welcome, support and direct them. During the day they will be introduced to Watling Academy, have a tour of the school, meet some key staff, and be able to experience some lessons and transition activities. The day will conclude at 2:30pm, at which time students will need to be collected by parents/carers.

On the day, students will need to attend in their primary school uniform and bring a packed lunch as well as a water bottle. Please contact Ms Carrington, our Admissions co-ordinator admissions@watling.academy if there are any challenges with bringing a packed lunch. We would also request that students bring their pencil cases for activities throughout the day.

Thank you for your support, we look forward to meeting with you and your children in July as we continue to prepare for exciting times ahead.

Yours faithfully,

Mr M Gibbs

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