



Our transition calendar

Our transition programme includes various opportunities for you and your parents/carers to familiarise yourself with our academy before starting in September 2017. If you are interested in taking part in any of the events below or would like further information, please contact Miss Scaum on l.scaum@valeofyorkacademy.org

Tuesday June 27: Non-feeder transition day



This year we have a number of students who are joining us from non-feeder primary schools and may be the only student from their current primary school moving to Vale of York Academy. To give these students an extra chance to meet other non-feeder students before the official transition day, we are holding an additional event to ensure there are familiar faces when all of our new students come together on July 5.

Wednesday June 28 (4pm to 7pm): Open evening



During this evening you will have the opportunity to meet the Principal, your Progress Leader, our SEND team, and your tutor. You can speak to some of our current year 7 students and ask them any questions you may have – after all, they were in your position last year! It will also be an opportunity to purchase any uniform, and ensure you are ready for your first day in September.

Wednesday July 5: Transition day



This is the city-wide transition event. All Year 6 students within the City of York are given the opportunity to spend a day in their allocated secondary school. At Vale of York Academy, this day is packed with activities that focus on fostering positive relationships and developing confidence.

Monday July 17 – Thursday July 20: Transition week



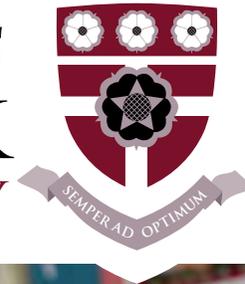
In addition to the city-wide transition event, we are holding a full transition week. Our new Year 7s will follow a timetable of lessons to help familiarise them with the school layout, routines and the expectations and responsibilities we expect of all our students.



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Welcome

Important information to help
your transition from Year 6



A warm welcome to Vale of York Academy

I hope that you are as thrilled to be joining Vale of York Academy as I am to welcome you!

The transition from Year 6 to Year 7 is an exciting time and I want to reassure you that we make a very special effort to get to know all of our students as individuals – each with their own strengths, needs, and aspirations.

Our students are the driving force in everything that we do and the success of every child is of paramount importance to us. Every student who joins us will be challenged to 'always give their best' in every aspect of school life – whether that is academically, socially, in supporting our wider community through events and charity, or through participation in extracurricular clubs and activities.

We have so many transition events for you to take part in, to make that movement from primary to secondary less daunting and help you to settle in and fully understand your role in school before September arrives.

You are about to embark on the next phase in your life – the graduation of primary school and commencement of your secondary journey. You will learn new subjects, make new friends, develop new skills, and grow as an individual. We are so excited that this journey will be with us.

Mrs Helen Dowds
PRINCIPAL



Meet our transition expert

Miss Scaum (pictured above) joined Vale of York Academy in September 2016, and has been working with our feeder primary schools on the transition process. You may have already met her at one of your parents' evenings, or during one of the many taster events which we hold for the Year 5/6 students in our catchment area. Miss Scaum will continue to be your first point of contact throughout the transition process, and into the Autumn term of Year 7 and you and your parents can contact her at any time.

Miss Scaum says: "The Vale of York Academy is a fantastic community and I am so pleased that you are becoming a part of it. You will absolutely love your time here! We have so much to offer both in and outside of the classroom – whatever your interests, strengths, or personality may be, there is something for everyone. I very much look forward to meeting you."

Miss L Scaum
ASSISTANT VICE PRINCIPAL: STUDENT WELFARE



SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS DURING TRANSITION

Moving up from primary to secondary school can sometimes seem like a daunting and complicated experience – especially for students who are more vulnerable to the stresses and anxieties that come with big changes. We offer additional transition support for students with special educational needs; challenging behaviour; difficulties in social interactions; or students with specific medical conditions or disabilities. If you would like to meet to discuss any of the above, please contact Miss Scaum on l.scaum@valeofyorkacademy.org

