



## 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 Mr Stancliffe on [s.stancliffe@valeofyorkacademy.org](mailto:s.stancliffe@valeofyorkacademy.org)

### Tuesday June 19: Transition support day



Moving to Secondary school can be quite a daunting thing. This is why, in partnership with the Primary schools, we are putting on an event for those students who may have additional needs or anxieties around transition and starting Year 7. This will give these students the chance to get comfortable at

Vale of York before the main Transition Day and meet some of the staff who will be supporting them closely when they start in September.



### Tuesday July 3 (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 4: 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 16 – Wednesday July 18: Transition week

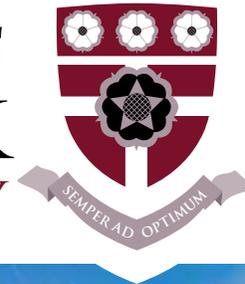
In addition to the city-wide transition event, we are holding three extra transitional days. Our new Year 7s will follow a timetable of lessons to help familiarise them with the school layout, routines and the expectations and responsibilities we expect of all our students.



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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 team

Mr Stancliffe (far right), will be your main contact throughout the transition process and will also be your Progress Leader when you start at Vale of York in September. Mr Stancliffe is not only a long serving member of staff, he is also an active member of the community so is very well placed to support you through this big change and beyond.

Mr Orr (centre), our Community Coordinator who you will have met at one of your parents’ evenings or during the many workshops and events here at Vale of York Academy will continue to be involved throughout the summer and into the Autumn term of Year 7.

Finally Mrs Hudson (right), who is our SEND Lead, will be the member of staff who looks at giving that little bit of extra support for those who require it.

The team’s main focus is to ensure your transition from primary to secondary is as smooth as possible and that you get off to a flying start at Vale of York Academy.



## 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 Mrs Hudson on [m.hudson@valeofyorkacademy.org](mailto:m.hudson@valeofyorkacademy.org)

