

YEAR 6 TO YEAR 7 TRANSITION 2020

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION, EMAIL: transitionbhs@bedford.wigan.sch.uk

Q: HOW CAN I KEEP UP TO DATE WITH INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM YOU?

As a school, we aim to support you and your child through the process of transition to make it as smooth as possible. In order to do this, we will update and add to information on our website: [www.bedfordhighschool.co.uk/Information Tab/Year 6 to Year 7 Transition](http://www.bedfordhighschool.co.uk/Information%20Tab/Year%206%20to%20Year%207%20Transition) <https://bedfordhighschool.co.uk/september-2020-welcome-to-new-year-7-parents/> . To make you aware of when we have added information, we will post alerts on our social media platforms such as Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/BedfordHighSchoolLive/> and Twitter <https://twitter.com/BedfordHighSch>

Q: WILL THERE BE AN INDUCTION DAY?

We are awaiting further advice from the government before we are able to make any arrangements. We will update our website and our social media sites, once we know more. Our Pastoral and Transition Team are phoning you to establish contact and can discuss individual visits for children who are anxious about the move to high school. Please continue to email your questions to: [trasionbhs@bedford.wigan.sch.uk](mailto:transitionbhs@bedford.wigan.sch.uk).

Look out for the virtual tour coming out soon.

Q: WILL THERE BE A PARENT INFORMATION EVENING?

We are awaiting further advice from the government before we are able to make any arrangements. We will update our website and our social media sites, once we know more.

A Parent Handbook will be sent to you shortly.

Q: HOW CAN I PREPARE MY CHILD FOR THE TRANSITION TO YEAR 7?

We have recently sent you a letter in the post with two documents for you to complete with your child 1) Getting Ready to Transfer Booklet and 2) All About Me Template. Link to the documents on our website <https://bedfordhighschool.co.uk/may-2020-letter/>

Read the Year 6 Welcome Letters with your child from our students on our School Website <https://bedfordhighschool.co.uk/welcome-letters-from-students/>

Follow us on social media and especially take a look at the many videos on You Tube to find out about school life at Bedford.

Facebook: bedfordhighschoollive

You Tube: bedfordhighschoollive – click on our Channel

Twitter: @bedfordhighsch

Instagram: Bedford Arts @Bedfordarts

Q: WHERE DO I FIND INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHOOL BUSES?

We have a dedicated Bus Timetable section on our school website which we will update as we receive information <https://bedfordhighschool.co.uk/bus-timetables/> and we will keep you informed and circulate the bus timetables and application links to apply for a Yellow school bus pass (if applicable) as soon as we receive the information from Transport for Greater Manchester <https://tfgm.com/>. Currently there is a note on their website about the Yellow School Bus Applications as below:

“Yellow School Bus Applications <https://tfgm.com/tickets-and-passes/bus-yellow-school-buses>

Due to the Covid-19 situation we are currently reviewing how the scheme will operate for the upcoming academic year. Further information will be provided via your child’s school and on tfgm.com as soon as it becomes available.”

IGO Card – your child will need an IGO pass to travel on any bus – please see information and links from the Transport for Greater Manchester website below:

“If you’re aged 5 to 10 and live or go to school in Greater Manchester, you will need an igo card to buy some of the tickets available for the concessionary child bus fare in Greater Manchester. If you are aged 11 to 16, you must have an igo card to travel using any child ticket on buses in Greater Manchester.”

<https://tfgm.com/tickets-and-passes/igo-pass>

Apply by email

You can fill in the [application form](#) online and email to cccadmin@tfgm.com, attaching the following supporting materials:

- A colour passport style photograph of yourself.
- Proof of age – a scanned or photographed copy of your birth certificate, medical card or passport.

Please note that, during the coronavirus pandemic, processing may take longer than 10 days.

Apply by post

[Download an application form](#) or get one from a TfGM Travelshop.

If you are eligible complete the relevant form and attach:

- a passport-sized colour photo of yourself

- proof of your name and age – a copy (not original) of your birth certificate, adoption certificate, medical card, passport or EU/EEA card. Please do not send original documents.
- payment details (for the £10 fee)

You can take your form and proof to a Travelshop who can check and take payment, or post your documents to the FREEPOST address on the application form.

Q: WHAT IS THE SCHOOL UNIFORM AND WHERE DO I BUY IT FROM?

School uniform is obligatory. All items of school dress must be marked permanently and clearly.

Students Uniform	P.E. Uniform
Knee-length black red or green trimmed skirt White shirt blouse Mid-grey or black flannel trousers – not fashion trousers Black blazer with school badge Black opaque tights (girls) Tie Black shoes (not trainers or canvas) Black pullover-v-necked – (<i>optional</i>) Mid-grey or black flannel trousers White shirt Tie Black Blazer with school badge Grey socks (boys) Black shoes (not trainers or canvas) Black pullover –v- necked only – (<i>optional</i>) Note: Ties can also be purchased from School £3.50 available in red and green Year 7 & 8 wear green ties	Girls uniform Black polo shirt with emerald panel and white piping. BHS logo (named) Black skort with emerald panel and white piping OR Black shorts with emerald panel and white piping Black hooded top with emerald panel and white piping Bedford logo (named) Black hockey socks with green top Trainers (no pumps or converse) Girls may also wear black sports legging in adverse weather Boys uniform (indoor lessons) White Polo shirt with logo - named White socks White shorts with logo Trainers

Year 9,10 & 11 wear red ties	<p>Rugby and Football (outdoor lessons)</p> <p>School rugby shirt – named (available at local stockists)</p> <p>Black shorts with logo</p> <p>Green socks with logo</p> <p>Football Boots</p>
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All named P.E. uniform should be labelled with the student's surname – no nicknames

For cold and wet weather both boys' and girls' top coats (optional) should be plain and black.

Please note the following rules regarding appropriate school uniform:

- *A high standard of personal appearance is expected of all students, and anyone arriving at school in non-uniform clothing may be sent home to get changed.*
- *Hair should not be of extreme colour, cut or style; including any shaving or partial shaving of hair to less than a grade 2, tramlines, streaks, patterns or Mohicans.*
- *Shoes should be all black leather or leather-look, sturdy and waterproof; suitable for all weather conditions with no logos, colour or pattern. They are required to protect children's feet in practical subjects e.g. Design Technology. Please refer to our website for a list of prohibited footwear*
- *Except for a watch and 1 stud earring in each earlobe, jewellery and make-up/nail polish are not permitted in school. Nose studs and visible face and body piercings are not allowed.*
- *Mobile phones and other electrical devices such as i-pods/MP3 players should not be seen, heard or their use suspected while on school site.*
- *Sweatshirts/hooded tops, casual sportswear, base-ball caps, leather (or leather-look) or denim jackets, jeans or pockets with badges, stickers and embroidery are forbidden.*

Our official uniform outfitters are below and we have also provided photographs of our students in their Uniform and PE kits:

A & H Rosenfield – 01942 269046 and you can purchase uniform online - www.aandhrosenfield.co.uk

Bang Bang - 01942 609447

Jaymax Kidswear – 01942 682984

Wynsors World of Shoes – www.wynsors.com

