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**BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL**  
A Specialist Business and Enterprise College  
with Applied Learning  
Headteacher: Mrs H J Phillips

July 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

I hope that you and your family are keeping well in these uncertain times. We are so looking forward to seeing you all as soon as this is possible. In the meantime, I enclose an All About Me template for your child to share with us some interesting information about highlights in their life, interesting facts and hopes and dreams for the future so that we can get to know them a little better and also the BHS Transition Curriculum Booklet of interesting activities to complete over summer and bring back in September where there will be prizes awarded. In addition, please find enclosed the booklet, 'Getting Ready to Transfer from Primary School to Bedford High School' to help you, as a family, think about joining us, the Bedford family. Please use this booklet as an opportunity for you and your child to reflect on their time at primary school and to think ahead about joining us here at Bedford. There will be sections of the booklet which will require some research, for instance, on our website, and sections that can be completed later. The information on the template and in the booklets can be brought to school when your child joins us in September.

To help you feel part of the Bedford family, I hope that you will continue to read the information on our website: [www.bedfordhighschool.co.uk/Information/Year 6 to Year 7 Transition](http://www.bedfordhighschool.co.uk/Information/Year6toYear7Transition). 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>


The first day for Year 7 is Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September which is for Year 7 only. Your child should arrive for 8.20am at the school gate nearest to Hall House Lane which will be signposted as the Year 7 entrance. Our Transition and Year 7 Pastoral team will be ready and waiting to greet your child. The year group will be organised into registration groups and Form Tutors will take them to their form rooms to complete a range of first day activities after Covid testing has taken place for students who have signed consent forms. In preparation for this, please read the separate letter with the accompanying privacy notice and consent form


On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September, your child will be able to have a free snack and lunch as part of their transition to us. This will give them a chance to sample the range of delicious food that Aspens have on offer. Children may also bring their own food and sit with their friends if they prefer. From Wednesday onwards, parents and guardians will need to make payments using Wisepay. Further details about Wisepay are available on the school website as detailed in the Parent Handbook on page 15.

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In the meantime, on behalf of the Bedford family, I wish you and your families all the very best and look forward to welcoming you when your child joins us in Year 7. For Year 6 who have signed up for our Transition Summer School we look forward to seeing you on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July. A separate email will be sent to you with further details.

Finally, we look forward to developing a close working relationship with you in the next phase of your child's education as you become members of our Bedford family.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. McCaffery', written in a cursive style.

Mr P McCaffery  
Headteacher from September 2021

**Enclosed:** All About Me template, 'Getting Ready to Transfer from Primary School to Bedford High School', BHS Transition Curriculum Booklet, Year 7 secondary school parent letter, Privacy notice for ATS testing, Consent form.