



Backwell School

A National Teaching School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to with important updates and information relating to Year 7 Transition 2021.

Induction Days and Parents' Information Evening

Sadly we are having to cancel our Induction Days (scheduled for Thursday 8 and Friday 9 July) and the Parents' Information Evening (on Thursday 8 July). This is following the announcement from the Prime Minister on Monday 14 June that the COVID-19 'unlocking roadmap' will need to be postponed until Monday 19 July at the earliest.

This was not an easy decision to make and we are incredibly disappointed that we are not able to run these events.

Virtual Transition

We appreciate that moving up to secondary school is an emotional time - children will feel excited to meet new friends and experience new lessons. It is also normal for children to feel worried or nervous about this move and our Induction Day would normally help children with these feelings.

Therefore we will be launching a 'virtual transition' on our website. We are currently putting the information together and will email you as soon as this is ready.

It will include videos, covering FAQs of new students as well as details on life at Backwell School. A virtual tour of the school will also be uploaded.

Also Monday 6 September, the first day of Term 1, will run as an induction style day for all Year 7 students so they can cover any key information prior to the academic year beginning in earnest.

Peripatetic Music Lessons

In addition to timetabled curriculum Music lessons, students can sign up for peripatetic lessons on the following instruments: strings, brass, woodwind, drum kit and orchestral percussion, guitar (classical, acoustic, electric) and bass guitar, voice, and piano.

Lessons take place during the school day and timetables are constructed so that the same academic lesson is not missed regularly. Most of our teachers are North Somerset peripatetic teachers and we currently have 4 private teachers.

If your child is interested in continuing, or signing up for, peripatetic music lesson in Year 7 at Backwell School please [click here](#) to find out more information, costs and state their intention.

The deadline for requesting peripatetic Music lessons is 3.30pm on Tuesday 22 June.

Summer School

As it stands we are still expecting this to take place Monday 26 – Friday 30 July. You can find out more, including how to sign up, [here](#).

Further Information to follow

In the next few weeks you will receive an email detailing the tutor group for your child as well as information on purchasing uniform for September. Whilst forming tutor groups this year, if a clash of preferences occurred, Mr Stephens, Head of Year 7, and I have prioritised friendships over all other requests. This may mean that for some families the house-sibling link may have been lost, or your child will be studying a different language to the one requested.

We will also contact parents/carers about transport to school in the next few weeks. If you live within the North Somerset home-to-school transport area (for example in Yatton, Cleeve or Claverham) your transport to school will be organised directly with you by North Somerset Council. However, as a school, we may be able to offer additional travel to school options for those living in Long Ashton and Bristol. More information on this provision, costs and the booking process will be sent out shortly.

You may also like to follow the school on social media – we use both Facebook and Twitter to update on events and activities at the school. Our website is also regularly updated, including all letters sent home, and contains a wealth of information about the school.

I promise that we will continue to update you over the coming weeks and months as we move towards the new academic year.

Best wishes

Mr J Nunes
Headteacher