



JM/cd/transitiondays

13 June 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to inform you about the transition arrangements for your son or daughter, in preparation for their attendance at Sybil Andrews Academy in September.

Dates, Venue and Timings

As I am sure you are all aware, the transition days will be held at St James' Middle School. The dates are as follows:

- 23rd & 24th June: Year 8s going into Year 9 (8:50am-14:50pm)
- 30th June & 1st July: Year 7s going into Year 8 (8:50am-14:50pm)
- 7th & 8th July: Year 6s going into Year 7 (8:50am-14:50pm)
- 15th July: **All year groups** (8:50am–15:00pm)

Transport

Naturally, students who currently attend St James' should make their way to school as normal on their allocated transition days. Those who attend Hardwick Middle School should make their way to school as normal, where a bus will be provided to transport them over to St James'. Students who currently attend other schools will need to make their own way to St James' on those days. If you foresee any problems with this, please do get in contact with us at cdawson@sybilandrewsacademy.co.uk and we will do our very best to help.

Food

We have arranged for food to be provided on all of the transition days. For the first day for each year group, there will be a fish and chip lunch provided. On the second transition day, there will be picnic food. Food will also be provided on the 15th July. If your son/daughter wishes, they may bring their own packed lunch.

Medication

If your son/daughter takes medication during the school day or may require it in an emergency situation, please make sure they have this with them for each of the transition days.

Transition Day 1 – Hub Challenge

One of the key aims of Sybil Andrews is to produce creative individuals, who can work successfully in a range of situations. The Hub Challenge will encourage students to “think outside the box” through a range of deliberately ambitious tasks and purposefully high expectations. As part of this, during the day, students will be given the opportunity to develop

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skills, such as teamwork, communication and resilience. All students should arrive in middle school PE Kit.

Must bring items:

- If it is sunny – water, sun hat, sun cream, trainers
- If it is cold – warm clothing, waterproof jacket, trainers

Transition Day 2 – Enrichment Experience

Participation in enrichment activities underpins all of the values at Sybil Andrews Academy. On our Enrichment Experience day we are going to run a carousel of activities so that students can have a taster of some of the enrichment that will be on offer from September. These activities include cupcake decorating, art, science and sport. Enrichment is an integral part of the school day that helps support the development of confident individuals. All students should arrive in middle school PE Kit.

Must bring items:

- If it is sunny – water, sun hat, sun cream, trainers
- If it is cold – warm clothing, waterproof jacket, trainers

15th July – Transfer Day

All teaching staff will be in attendance on this day so that students will be able to experience what lessons will be like in September. On this day students will meet their learning coach, experience Meeting Time and start to develop an understanding of the values of Sybil Andrews. All student should arrive in middle school uniform.

Must bring items

- PE kit (this may be on your timetable)
- Pens and pencils

We look forward to seeing your son/daughter on these days and getting to know them in preparation for September. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely

James Mason
Vice Principal