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Dear Parents & Carers

## Wallingford School is looking forward to welcoming your child in September 2024!

We are very much looking forward to getting to know our Rising Year 7 students ahead of their September 2024 start. We are already working with your child's primary school to ensure that they have a positive and successful transition to Wallingford School, and this is the first communication to Parents and Carers with some key information and dates for your diary. You are receiving this information because Oxfordshire County Council have told us that you are the primary contact for a Rising Year 7 student. At this point we have no further contact information, so you are welcome to share this communication with other primary carers for your child.

### May 2024

Next week you will be receiving an email from Admission+ (Applicaa) containing the login information for you to access your online student enrolment form. Please log into the site and complete the application **by Friday 24 May 2024**. Please do check your **spam mail** if the email from Applicaa doesn't arrive. If you experience any problems completing this, please call our Admissions Manager on 01491 829706 or email – [admissions@wallingfordschool.com](mailto:admissions@wallingfordschool.com)

### Uniform

Please visit our website ([www.wallingfordschool.com](http://www.wallingfordschool.com)) to order school uniform. School ties (compulsory) and blazers (optional) should be ordered via our [school uniform shop](#). Please note that school ties will be given out to students on their first day. You will need to order a tie in advance. If a blazer is ordered, please be aware it cannot be returned or exchanged as each one is made to order.

All other uniform should be ordered via *SWI Schoolwear* [www.swischoolwear.co.uk](http://www.swischoolwear.co.uk) – or please see the link on our website and then select the items from our compulsory/optional range. Please make sure when you order the PE tops you do not click on the GCSE tops that ask for a name to be entered, these are for year 10 students only.

Students are expected to wear the correct uniform and footwear at all times. With regard to the appropriate footwear, please refer to the [uniform regulations on the website](#). If in any doubt, then please contact [betteridgep@wallingfordschool.com](mailto:betteridgep@wallingfordschool.com).

If you experience any financial difficulty in purchasing uniform, please contact Deputy Headteacher Mrs Lewis – [lewisf@wallingfordschool.com](mailto:lewisf@wallingfordschool.com) – in confidence.

A second-hand uniform sale will be held at the school in July. Further details will be communicated beforehand.

If you have any queries regarding uniform or footwear, please contact Mrs Betteridge on 01491 829703 or email [betteridgep@wallingfordschool.com](mailto:betteridgep@wallingfordschool.com)

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### **Mainstream transport to school (School buses)**

If your child is entitled to transport to school, you will have received contact from the OCC Mainstream Transport Team. You must respond directly to the team to secure transport on an OCC bus. You must accept the 'Travel Response form' and return to the 'Travel Response Team' to secure the transport otherwise transport will not be actioned.

From September 2024 the WL-2810 route, which picks up/drops off in Clifton Hampden, Long Wittenham and Brightwell cum Sotwell, will be run by the school directly. If you need to secure a seat on this route for your Rising Year 7 child, please email Mrs Betteridge [WL2810Transport@wallingfordschool.com](mailto:WL2810Transport@wallingfordschool.com). If you have an older child currently travelling on the bus, separate contact will be made with you regarding transferring their current seat on the 2810 over to this service.

### **Visits to Primary School in June**

We really enjoy and value visiting our Year 6 students in their Primary Schools. The visits are undertaken by either Mr Marston, Headteacher, Mrs Lewis, Deputy Head or our Head of Year 7. Our aim is to visit all schools. It's a chance for us to share information with our Rising Year 7 students and to answer any questions they may have.

### **Transition Visit Day, Thursday 4 July**

We look forward to welcoming our Rising Year 7s into school for the full day. All students who are joining Wallingford School in September are invited. Please note, OCC are unable to provide transport to school on this day. Further details of the day will be shared nearer the time. Students should be in school for 8.40am and the day will end at 3.00pm (usual finish time of 3.05pm).

### **Family Welcome Evening, Thursday 4 July 6.00 pm - 7.30 pm**

Following the Transition Visit Day, we very much look forward to welcoming you and your child on the evening of Thursday 4 July. During the evening there will be a short presentation from Mr Marston, Headteacher and our Head of Year 7. Members of the Senior Leadership Team and Pastoral Support Team will also be available to speak with.

### **Term begins, Wednesday 4 September 2024**

The new school year starts! To assist in the transfer from Primary to Secondary School, Year 7 will be the only students in school on that day, along with our Year 12s in sixth form. Students do not need their PE kits on the first day; students will spend time in their new tutor groups and in timetabled lessons.

### **Term 1 September 2024 (date to follow in the new academic year)**

'Meet the Tutor Evening' – an opportunity for you to meet your child's tutor and learn more about the year ahead.

### **Rising Year 7 SEND Forum, Tuesday 25 June 6.00pm**

SEND Forum – Parents with a child on the Special Educational Needs Register are invited to an evening where more information is shared on what SEND support looks and feels like at Wallingford School. No need to inform us that you are planning to attend, just turn up.

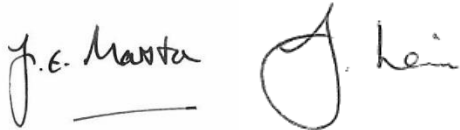
Should you have any further questions or wish to inform us of a change of circumstance for your child over the summer holidays, please email Sian Delaney, Pastoral Support Manager at [delaneys@wallingfordschool.com](mailto:delaneys@wallingfordschool.com).

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More information will be shared over the weeks to follow, but in the meantime, please visit our ['Rising Year 7'](#) page under the Admission tab on the school website for any further information at this time. Please feel welcome to get in touch at any point.

We look forward to meeting you and welcoming your child to the Wallingford School community.

Yours sincerely

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature on the left is 'J. Marston' with a horizontal line underneath. The second signature on the right is 'Fin Lewis'.

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