



Forrester High School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Forrester High School Transition - 3 Day Visit

16th, 17th and 18th June

We are looking forward to meeting you for our **information session at 6pm on the 11th June**, here at Forrester High School, in our assembly hall. This information session will give you a chance to meet key members of the team and to receive some details for the three day visit (summarised below) and the first few days in August. This is an event for parents. Your child is welcome to attend – we would not want childcare to be a barrier to your attendance – but please be aware that space may be limited.

We will go over this at the information session, but it may be useful for you to know the outline of the plan for the 3 day visit:

Day 1: P7s should arrive at Forrester High School for 8.30am. **They should wear their primary school uniform.** They will be met by staff and senior pupils at the doors and directed to the hall where they will meet their class, staff team and buddies. They will spend approximately an hour with a key member of staff who will support the P7s to learn the basics of the school and get to know their buddies. The rest of the day will be spent following what will be their normal timetable. They will finish at 3.10pm, slightly earlier than the rest of the school, and make their way home. If you do pick them up from school, please wait outside the pupil entrance doors.

Day 2: P7s should arrive at 8.25am and make their way to the hall to meet their S6 buddies who will support them to their classes. The P7s will follow their timetable for the full day and be dismissed at 3.10pm.

Day 3: P7s should arrive at 8.25 and meet in the hall as on day two. They will follow their timetables for the morning. In the afternoon, they will participate in a games event coordinated by the PE department. To make this as easy as possible, **they should wear PE kit all day on Thursday.** If possible, we would love them to wear house colours. They will find out their house on the Tuesday but, for your info, we are Blue for Burns House, Red for Redpath and Green for Telford. Please make sure they do not bring or wear any valuables. Weather dependent, please make sure they have plenty of water and sunscreen. They will finish at 3.10pm.





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Some common questions in advance of the visit are:

What should my child wear?

On days one and two, your child should wear their primary school uniform. On day three, they should come to school in PE kit – tracksuit bottoms/shorts, t-shirt, hoody/jumper and trainers. No football strips please.

What should my child bring with them?

Your child should bring a school bag with a bottle of water and their pencil case. They may also bring their iPad if the primary school allows this. If they have a mobile phone, it should be on silent and kept in their bag during all classes. They should bring a snack and a packed lunch. If they receive free school meals, we will provide a packed lunch for them which they can collect each day.

What will happen at break and lunch times?

Pupils will be released slightly earlier than the rest of the school and will have their lunch in our social area or school grounds. From August, they will be able to access our school cafeteria. Our social area is supervised by staff throughout lunch and we will have senior buddies on hand to help the P7s. We will encourage them to be outside if it is dry. They should not leave the school grounds at any point.

How will my child find their way around?

During the three days, each class will be supported by S6 buddies who will meet them at each class and take them to the next class. They will also take them to the Social Area at break and lunchtimes and will meet them again at the end of break and lunch to take them to their next class. Our building is well-signposted and there will be staff in the corridors if there are any problems.

How will they get help if they need it?

Your child's key contact in school is their Pupil Support Leader (usually better known as guidance teacher). They will meet their Pupil Support Leader on the first day and will have a Social Education lesson with them at some point during the three days. They will quickly learn where the guidance offices are but should ask at the main office or ask any member of staff if they need to speak to their PSL during the visit. We will explain this to them on the first day. They also already know our transition teacher, Mrs Easton, who will be here to support them over the three days.

What will happen in classes?

Each class teacher will introduce themselves and their subject and will give them the opportunity to experience a 'taster' of the subject. The focus will be on getting to know each other and building relationships. Our priority for the visit is to help your child feel as comfortable as possible about the transition.



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Who should I contact in the event of an emergency?

If you need to contact the school, please contact our school office on the numbers above and explain the reason for your call. They will direct you to the most appropriate member of staff. This is likely to be the Pupil Support Leader who will be your key contact throughout your child's time with us.

Hopefully, this information is helpful in beginning to prepare your child for the visit. We look forward to meeting you on the 11th June.

Yours faithfully,

Lisa Coffey

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