



COOMBESHEAD ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers

Coombeshead Academy Step-Up Day 2023

In light of the recent announcement about school strikes, unfortunately, we will have to reduce our Step-Up Days to just one day this year.

We would like to invite all Year 6 students who are transitioning to Coombeshead Academy in September 2023 to our Step-Up Day on Thursday 6th July at Coombeshead Academy.

Students need to arrive at Coombeshead between 8.30am and 8.40am at the Sports Centre entrance. They will end the day at approximately 2.50pm and will leave via the Sports Centre entrance.

When students arrive, we will take them to the sports hall and put them into groups for the day. We will base this primarily on information we have had from their primary school.

Students need to wear their school PE uniform and footwear - shorts, t-shirts and trainers - so that they can keep cool if the hot weather continues. They also need to bring a jumper/hoodie. They will need to bring a bag with a pencil case, a drinks bottle and packed lunch. If they have a mobile phone, it must be switched off and kept in their bag all day.

During the Step-Up Day students will do a range of activities, including a tour of the school, getting-to-know-you activities within their form group, subject lessons, an assembly in the theatre etc. We will give them some key information about how Coombeshead works, and a flavour of what usual lessons are like.

In order to help you and your children prepare for starting secondary school, we are holding a short welcome presentation on Monday 3rd July at 6.30pm here at Coombeshead in our school theatre.

During the presentation you will get to meet me, Helen Coulson Head of School, Paul Sheffield Year Team Leader for Year 7 and Beth Griffiths our Year 7 Student Support Officer (SSO). Paul Sheffield's main role is to oversee students' academic progress, tutor groups, rewards, student council and enrichment of the year group. Beth Griffiths will oversee the pastoral care of your child, which also includes attendance and behaviour.

Please contact Coombeshead Academy directly if you have any queries or questions about the Step-Up Day.

We are very much looking forward to meeting all our new students and hope they have two enjoyable and informative days to prepare them for September 2023.

Finally, two dates for your calendar for next year – firstly, the 2024 Step-Up days will take place on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th July 2024. Secondly, the Year 6 Parents' Transition Meeting is on Monday 1st July 2024 from 6.30pm to 7.30pm in the theatre at Coombeshead Academy.

Yours sincerely,

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