



“Be Inspired & Achieve Together”

28th June 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 6 Transition Update

We hope your child is able to attend the induction days planned for later this week and is looking forward to spending time meeting staff and becoming familiar with facilities at the Academy whilst hopefully, meeting new friends.

Tutor Groups

I would like to confirm that your child's tutor group

The tutor groups have been organised this year based on a range of information to ensure a mix of students, based on information such as predicted SAT data, suggested learning partners from the year 6 teachers from the primary school they attended. It is important to note that teaching groups are organised differently to tutor groups and lessons will not be taught in tutor groups.

Please do not contact the Academy to request a tutor group change. We are unable to move students as a lot of time and preparation with their primary school information has gone into placing students.

Students will have tutor time known as “Guidance” every day. During this time students will receive key information and will be taught a specific guidance programme appropriate for the year group. These sessions provide an opportunity for students to discuss with their tutor any concerns they may have and also share any positive behaviours from the previous day.

As a parent, the tutor should be your first point of contact should you have any concerns. The most effective form of communication is email and their details will be sent to you before the end of the Summer term and there will be an opportunity to meet their tutor on Tuesday 12th July at the parents' information evening.

Teaching groups have been organised in subject blocks with mixed attainment and bandings and we have used the predicted SAT data we have received from each student's primary school. As an Academy, our aim is to foster a culture of aspiration and to ensure that all students have every possibility to thrive and grow. We recognise that students will come from a range of backgrounds and starting points and we acknowledge they will develop at different rates. The Academy aims to ensure that all students are grouped in a way to allow appropriate stretch and challenge in all lessons and to provide opportunities for them to be the best they can be, avoiding 'labelling' students.

In order to support outstanding curriculum provision for all, we operate the following grouping profiles:

- **Maths, Science and IT and Computing:** Mixed banding where students are grouped within a range of attainments within each class, for example Higher Attaining and Middle Attaining mixed together.
- **Modern Foreign Languages (MFL):** We recognise students will have had a range of different provision in MFL at primary school. All students in Year 7 study Spanish and French. In Year 7 and 8 students are grouped in mixed attainment classes. In Year 8, they choose either French or Spanish with the option of a second language. In Year 9, students continue with one language and the option of a second language. There are two higher attaining groups in each year half, two mixed

attaining and one lower attaining where students are supported with MFL provision and additional Step up to English lessons.

- **PE:** based on aptitude for physical activities and sport.

All other areas of the curriculum: Mixed attainment where students are grouped within a wide range of prior attainment and supported by high-quality stretch and challenge for all.

Google Page

Please click on the following link to access the Arnold Hill Transition site for our September 2022 intake [Transition 2022](#)

Our aim is to provide both you and your child with lots of important and useful information to support the transition from primary to secondary. The site has videos from our Senior Leadership Team, Head of Year and our Transition Lead, along with a virtual tour which we are sure your child will enjoy. Previous communication already sent to you can be found in Parent Information and we will post up to date messages on the Noticeboard. The transition activities page will have a variety of summer projects to further support your child's transition

School Uniform Information

- Uniform policy on our website [Arnold Hill Spencer Academy Uniform](#)
- Book an appointment with Schoolwear Solutions at the Academy during the evening of Friday 15th July and all day Saturday 16th July. [Appointment Bookings](#)
- Schoolwear Solutions price list [Uniform Price List](#)

Reminders

- If you have not already do so, please complete the data collection form sent to you via email on Thursday 9th June 2022.
- Parent information evening: Tuesday 12th July 6:00pm – 7:30pm. Parent only event

We very much look forward to welcoming your child at the induction activities and as always, if you have any queries, please contact the transition team on 0115 9554804 or email AHA.Transition@arnoldhillacademy.co.uk.

Yours faithfully

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