



Beamont Collegiate  
Academy



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Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Re: Pupil Transfer to Secondary School**

*Welcome to Beamont Collegiate Academy.*

We are delighted that «Forename» will be joining us in Year 7, in September 2020, and would like to take this opportunity to formally welcome you to the Academy and to inform you of our transition arrangements in these unprecedented times.

We are obviously working in a unique situation and as I write to you we have no confirmed date for schools to fully reopen. However, please rest assured that in the background we are planning for every eventuality, not just within our own school but across TCAT, our multi-academy trust.

The Transition Team are looking into some innovative ways to keep in touch and provide you with as much information as we can.

During a 'normal' summer term we would hold several key events, all of which will still take place, even if this has to be done virtually.

#### **Getting to know our new Year 7 cohort:**

- We will provide students with activities to complete that will allow us to get to know you and your interests
- We will ask parents/carers to provide us with key information
- We will ask Year 6 teachers to let us know what work you have covered

#### **Getting to know us:**

- We will arrange for an online tour of the school
- We will arrange for you to 'meet' with your tutors and get to know key staff
- We will keep you up to date via the BCA YouTube site and social media
- We will answer questions that you may have and remove any concerns you may be experiencing
- We will provide activities that will help to prepare you academically for the move to high school
- We will make sure that you receive any extra support that you might need either from our Pastoral Team or our SENDCo

#### **Transition Events:**

During the week beginning 6th July we will hold some key events – in person or virtually if we have to:

There will be a **parents' meeting on the evening of Tuesday 7th July**, this meeting is an opportunity for you to experience a little of what life at BCA is like as well an introduction to key members of staff.

The original BCA calendar planned for all **Year 6 pupils to be invited into school for one day, on Thursday, 9th July**. This is an opportunity for your child to meet their peers and experience first-hand the culture, ethos and expectations of the Academy

**Full details about both events will be sent out nearer the time as we obviously have to work within the constraints of the current situation. However, regardless of how we complete the transition to high school, it is essential that both you and your child fully engage with the offer.**

Our experience shows that pupils who do not engage with their new school in the summer term or who fail to attend the first few weeks in September find it more difficult to transfer to High School. Term Dates can be found on the Academy website. This may sound ridiculous to mention, but as many holidays will need to be rearranged we would like you to carefully consider the impact of your child not being present in the first weeks of high school – whenever that may be. This seems more important than ever now!

#### **Transfer of Information:**

We will contact you again next week with more details about how we plan to collect key information from yourselves.

#### **Uniform:**

For your information, we do not sell uniform. This can be purchased from Warrington Schoolwear on Buttermarket Street. We pride ourselves on the standard of uniform at the Academy. Please refer to the website before making any purchases when the shops reopen, particularly with regards to footwear.

#### **Keeping up to date:**

You can keep up to date with the Academy by visiting our website or Facebook page and by following us on Twitter @BCAWarrington and @BCA\_Transition. From September all communication will be done via the SIMS Gateway app, details of which will be shared over the next few weeks.

The latest editions of 'Academy Focus' and 'TCAT Times' our termly newsletters, packed full of details about the life of the school, can be found on the website.

Further information will be provided in the coming weeks, however, if you wish to contact the transition team, and require a response, then please do not hesitate to do so. We can be contacted by telephoning the school on 01925 579 500 or by emailing us at [AskTransition@bca.warrington.ac.uk](mailto:AskTransition@bca.warrington.ac.uk) which is preferable as we are mainly working from home. Please note that we do not reply to correspondence on social media, this is for information only.

We will be working closely with your primary schools as we know that whatever happens you will want to end Year 6 in the way it deserves to be – as a celebration! We hope that this goes some way to reassure you about the plans moving forward.

Stay home, stay safe and keep in touch!

Yours sincerely

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