

March 2021

Year 6 Transition

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted that your son/daughter will be joining us at Newmarket Academy in September.

We are approaching the time that we would normally be sending out information to all our year 6 pupils who will be joining us as year 7 in September 2021. In this current climate, the usual programme of transition days, parent information evenings and uniform fitting may not be able to take place. However, we are keen to ensure that we have as much information to be able to start the new term in September 2021 as smoothly as possible.

Please find enclosed:

- ***Vertical Tutor Groups form**
- ***Data Check form**
- ***Musical Instrument Lessons – Expression of Interest form**
- **Newmarket Academy Uniform and Uniform Ordering Information**
- **Student Passport - for completion for the start of term**
- **Newmarket Academy Pencil Case**
- **Newmarket Academy Information Booklet**

*Please could we ask you complete the forms marked with an * and either drop them into reception or post back to Newmarket Academy, Exning Road, Newmarket, CB8 0EB and mark for the attention of 'Ms E Wilson Year 7'. We really need these forms back by the end of May in order to take on board requests for friendships and siblings when organising tutor groups.

Vertical Tutor Groups

All students at Newmarket Academy belong to a 'vertical' tutor group (i.e. made up of students from all years) and all children in that tutor group belong to the same House. Wherever possible, we try to ensure that any child with an older sibling already at the Academy goes into the same house as their brother or sister. We also try to make sure that each child coming with others from their primary school, has a friend in their tutor group. Obviously, these things are not always possible, for example if friends have siblings in different houses at the Academy, but completion of the form will enable us to begin the process of drafting tutor groups for September. Currently, we have temporary Covid tutor groups with students in their own year group. However, we are hoping we will be able to return to vertical tutoring in September 2021.

School Transport

Is your child eligible for Suffolk County Council funded school travel? Visit www.suffolkonboard.com/schooltravel if your child is eligible for funded school travel. You now need to opt-in (apply) each year so they can receive it. The opt-in window for this year is open from 1 March 2021 to 31 May 2021. To find out more visit www.suffolkonboard.com/optin

COVID-19

We have a risk assessment in place which can be viewed on our website, and we are operating a one-way system throughout the school. We will, of course, update you as the Government guidelines change.

We will be sending out more information and dates for an information evening, meet the tutor evening and possibly uniform fitting. We do expect all students to start the Academy in September in full uniform. Obviously, we are currently unable to say whether these events will be virtual or in person. The website will be updated and all letters available on information tab under year 6 Transition.

In the meantime, please keep yourselves and family safe and if you have any queries, please email elaine.wilson@newmarketacademy.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E Wilson', followed by a small dot.

Ms E Wilson
Head of School