



ILKLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent or Carer

Welcome to Ilkley Grammar School, we are delighted that your child has been allocated a place at our school and is due to start Year 7 in September. Outlined below are details of just some of the many ways in which we hope to make the transition to secondary school as smooth and enjoyable as possible.

Firstly, we would like to invite you to our **Transition Launch Evening** in B Hall on **Wednesday 26th April**. The aim of the evening will be to outline the Transition Programme and our vision for eLearning throughout the school. This is a very important evening for parents, and we highly recommend you attend if at all possible, but it is **not** necessary for new students to come. Your child will have plenty of opportunity to visit our school in due course, some of which are outlined below. Our School Leadership Team will be present throughout the evening and to enable everyone to meet them we will be delivering two presentations.

6.00 – 7.00pm is for parents of students attending Addingham, All Saints' and Burley & Woodhead schools.

7.00 – 8.00pm is for parents of students attending Ashlands, Burley Oaks and Ben Rhydding schools.

If your child does not currently attend one of the above schools, please choose the most convenient meeting.

The next part of the transition process involves the **IGS Roadshow**, a visit to each primary school by either Mrs Varley, Student Support & Transition Manager or Mr Calvert, Assistant Headteacher – Learner Experience accompanied by two Year 7 students. The purpose of this visit is for Year 6 students to ask questions about life in Year 7 and any aspect of the transfer process that may concern them. Students will also be asked to take a short 'All about Myself' questionnaire home. I would be most grateful if this could then be returned completed at the first of the two Discovery Days.

The dates of the Primary Roadshow visits are:

Monday 22nd May – Burley & Woodhead - 1.45pm
Tuesday 23rd May – Ashlands – 1.45pm
Wednesday 24th May – Burley Oaks – 1.45pm
Thursday 25th May – Ben Rhydding – 1.45pm
Friday 26th May – All Saints' and Addingham – 1.45pm

Students who attend Extra District schools are welcome to attend one of these sessions; parents should arrange attendance directly with the primary school which is most convenient.

Another part of the transfer process involves our two **Discovery Days**. The first part of the day students will be completing an online 'learning profile' which will assist their new form tutor and subject staff how best to teach Year 7 classes in September. For the rest of the day students will complete a carousel of taster lessons including Music, Drama, Science, Food Technology and Art. Both days will commence at 9.30am and finish at 2.30pm. Our Partnership Primary Schools will make their own arrangements to transport students to and from Ilkley Grammar School, but for those who do not currently attend a Partnership Primary, please can you make your own individual travel arrangements. On arrival, at the front of school, Extra District students will be greeted by a member of staff. All students are expected to come in their primary school uniform and to bring a packed-lunch for both days.



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The dates of the Discovery Day (9.30am – 2.30pm) visits are:

Burley Oaks – Wednesday 7th June & Thursday 22nd June
Extra District – Thursday 8th June & Monday 26th June
Addingham – Friday 9th June & Friday 23rd June
All Saints' – Monday 12th June & Monday 19th June
Ashlands – Tuesday 13th June & Tuesday 20th June
Burley & Woodhead – Wednesday 14th June & Wednesday 21st June
Ben Rhydding (& Menston **Day 1 only**) – Thursday 15th June, & Friday 16th June

Further important dates for your diary **Tuesday 4th July** which is the **Year 6 Welcome Morning** and in the evening a **Parent Meeting** and **Friday 7th July**, which is the **Year 6 Transition Sports Day**; the details for these events will be sent out nearer the time.

Other notable dates, which are not compulsory but you may find interesting before your child starts at secondary school, are **Tuesday 9th May, Safeguarding, Mental Health & Health** evening. Also our PTA are organising two events one on the **6th May, Skate Saturday**, at 2pm in the Sports Hall for Year 6 children and their families (all skaters must be 8 years or over), cost £5.00, and the second a **Quiz Night** on the **6th July** details for which will be on the website.

Finally, may we take this opportunity to inform you that a 'transition pack' will be available on April 26th. It will include all the documentation you will need to complete and all other information you will need to know about the transition process and how our school operates. The pack will be available for collection at the Transition Launch Evening or will be sent to you by post after that date.

Moving on to secondary school can be both exciting and daunting, but we hope we can work with you to make the process as seamless as possible. We may be a large secondary school, but our vision is to provide an exceptional, inclusive learning experience in the heart of our community. Our students will achieve their academic Personal Best and will be equipped with the confidence and skills to make a positive difference to their own lives and lives of others. In the meantime, if you would like to find out more about the transition process please do log onto our website for further details. www.ilkeygrammarschool.com/our_school/transition/

Yours sincerely



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