

1<sup>st</sup> March 2024



Dear Parent

### Re: Welcome to Sarum Academy – Year 7 September 2024

We are delighted to have received notification that your child has been given a place to start at Sarum Academy in September and I would like to warmly welcome your child and your family to our Academy.

The move from primary to secondary school is exciting and can be a little daunting as well, but we will ensure that this transition is as smooth as possible for you as a family.

There are two key members of staff at Sarum with responsibility for transition. **Mrs Steggel** has overall responsibility for the transition process and she is supported by **Mrs Russell**, our Admissions and Transition Lead. Both are responsible for supporting all students from their primary school into the secondary school environment and they will be available to discuss any queries or concerns you may have regarding your child's transition to Sarum Academy.

**Mrs Steggel** is also our Assistant SENDCO with responsibility for the transition of Year 7 students who may need, or would like, any additional support with transition. Enhanced transition will be arranged in partnership with your child's primary school.

#### Current transition arrangements

Between now and July we will be visiting every primary school where we carry out a transition meeting, which gives us information based around your child's learning. In addition, we also discuss friendship groups, any barriers to learning, extra-curricular interests, as well as any other information needed to ensure a smooth transition.

As parents you will also complete a Student Information Record by the end of May. This helps us to allocate Tutor groups and House groups, as well as giving you the opportunity to ensure we are aware of any support your child currently receives.

#### Key dates for your calendar

The **Year 6 Induction Day** will take place on **Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024**. All students who will be joining Sarum Academy in September should attend as this will give them an opportunity to meet the teachers, have a tour of the Academy and get to know the structure of a normal secondary school day. The Year 6 Induction Day will start at 9:00am and will finish at 2:45pm.

The **Year 6 Induction Evening** is also on **Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024**. This will begin at 6:00pm and end by 7:30pm. The purpose of this event is to enable you and your child to meet key staff at the Academy; we will be providing important information and would like all parents to attend.

#### School Uniform

New starters will be offered the opportunity to purchase their uniform in store, from our supplier 'Skoolkit', during a dedicated 10% discount week. Dates will be confirmed in due course. 'Skoolkit' will also create a code offering a 10% discount and free delivery for any online purchases. A current price list will be included in the Year 7 Induction Pack.

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Orders can also be placed through 'Skoolkit's' web page [www.skoolkit.co.uk](http://www.skoolkit.co.uk). The PE kit can be purchased from our supplier 'Trutex'. Orders can also be placed through their web page [www.trutexdirect.com](http://www.trutexdirect.com).

Alternatively, uniform items may be purchased from any other outlet of your choice, including many supermarkets, however, ties and blazer badges are only available from 'Skoolkit'.

### **Summer School**

Last year we held a very successful Summer School for the new Year 7 students which was hugely beneficial for relationship building and new students getting to feel part of the Academy. We are, therefore, excited to inform you we will be holding Summer School for your child on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> August 2024 and Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024. More details will follow, but I know you will want to save these dates if you can. There is no cost to parents for this.

### **First day of Secondary School**

The first day for Year 7 students will be on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 with only Year 7 and Sixth Form attending the Academy that day. This means that students can get used to their new school environment and explore the building with fewer students around.

### **Food**

On visits, and in September, students can either bring packed lunches or make use of our Dining Hall to purchase lunches. There is a wide variety of choice for students and meals are of high quality and nutritional value.

### **Transport**

If you are unsure about your entitlement to a bus pass and the availability of buses, please contact Wiltshire Council on 01225 713365 or download an application form from the Wiltshire Council website at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk).

Currently, the school runs two minibuses covering Amesbury, the North, West and East of Salisbury. These routes complement those statutory arrangements provided and funded by Wiltshire Local Authority for catchment area students. Please contact [zoe.russell@sarumacademy.org](mailto:zoe.russell@sarumacademy.org) if you would like further details about this.

We will write to you again after Easter with a full welcome pack including a Parent Guide to Sarum Academy which should be useful for you. In the meantime, if you have any questions or you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's transition, please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs Steggel [sarah.steggel@sarumacademy.org](mailto:sarah.steggel@sarumacademy.org) or Mrs Russell [zoe.russell@sarumacademy.org](mailto:zoe.russell@sarumacademy.org) via email or phone.

I look forward to meeting with you and your child soon.

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Moore  
Headteacher