

New Year 7 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 4th July 2023

6pm to 7.30pm

Welcome to...



A place where...



HIGHGATE WOOD SCHOOL

Our Mission is... To inspire our students to be confident and open-minded through exceptional teaching in a caring school community.

Our Vision is to be... An exceptional school; inclusive and progressive, where everyone matters and everyone achieves.

EVERYONE
MATTERS
EVERYONE
ACHIEVES



- At HWS we believe that education is transformational
- The role of HWS is to support all of our students to succeed irrespective of their starting points
- We understand that ‘equal’ treatment is not always sufficient to give ‘equitable’ outcomes – some students need **more**
- We are committed to giving students whatever support it takes to ensure they make the progress necessary to get the successful outcomes that they deserve
- We work tirelessly to remove barriers to learning for all students

A few admission figures...

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Total
Highgate Wood School Preferences for September 2023	267	203	225	1028 (including 1 st to 6 th preferences)

Well Done for Getting Here – We are
SO Happy to Welcome You!!!!



Pastoral Teams for September

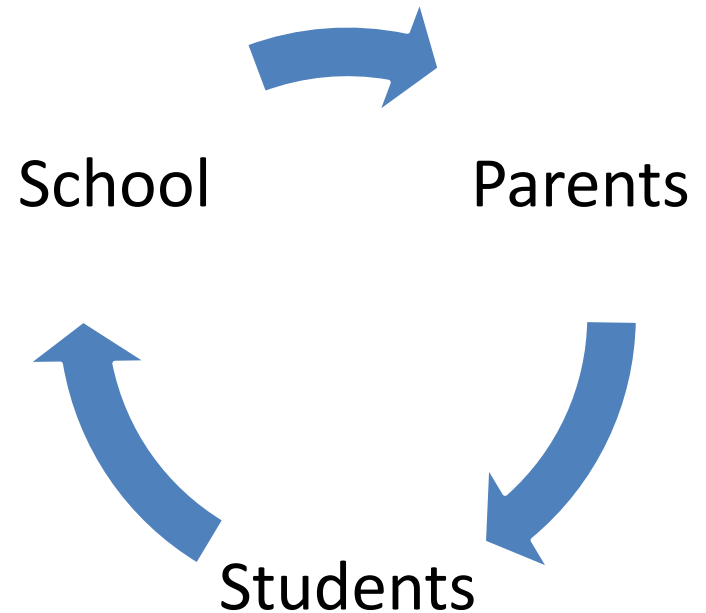
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Head of Year Ms Nafi	Head of Year Ms Brown	Head of Year Mr Mayes	Head of Year Mr Frost	Head of Year Ms Ward
Pastoral Support Officer Ms Tusiime			Pastoral Support Officer Ms Kiciak	
Led by Key Stage 3 Coordinator Ms Issitt (Assistant Head)			Led By Key Stage 4 Coordinator Ms Burniston (Assistant Head)	

Transition and Choices (or Not!)

- We do not offer the option of choosing a friend you wish to be with in your tutor group
- Groups are carefully organised based on a range of factors and information from primary schools – our aim is to ensure groups are diverse and balanced
- We view mixing friendship groups as an important aspect of the primary/secondary transition
- Students are not taught in their tutor groups for any lessons – they will be taught in consistent teaching groups in all subjects except maths where they are setted
- Whether a student studies French or Spanish is dependent on which side of the year their teaching group is in – not their form group

The Power of 3 – Making Our Children Successful

- Regular and effective communication between the school and home
- Teachers and students form working relationships based on mutual respect & 4Cs
- Parents actively supporting their children at home



Assessment, feedback and reporting at KS3

- Because students take a range of different subjects with different teachers, and these teachers often teach hundreds of students, this will be different in secondary school.
- Staff will still assess students work regularly, and expect students to respond to these comments. You should be able to see evidence of this when they bring their books home.

Assessment, feedback and reporting at KS3

- You will be able to find curriculum information about each subject, including guidance on assessments, how to support your child and examples of work on the website in September
- Details of homework can be accessed via the link to 'Show My Homework'
- If you have queries about the progress your child is making contact their subject teacher or tutor in the first instance

What I say to my students.....

Be Proud of Your School

You ARE HWS!!!

What I say to my staff.....

Relationships are the most important thing...

Glass is half full rather than half empty...

Valuing the child and making a difference in the lives of children

Insisting that young people become the best that they can be

Ms Emily Issitt

Assistant Headteacher - Key Stage 3 Coordinator

Ms Safa Nafi

Head of Year 7

Year 7 Tutor Team

9 x Year 7 tutors (H, I, G, A, T, E, W, D, S)

What is KS2 to KS3 Transition?

- KS2 to KS3 transition is the move from primary school to secondary school
- It is a significant change
- It is, usually, the change from a smaller to a larger school
- Students experience a change in teaching methods, school routines and expectations
- Students experience a broader curriculum
- Students develop:
 - higher-level thinking skills
 - independent learning skills
 - increased self-responsibility



What does transition look like at HWS?

- We have a transition programme that helps our students adjust to the changes, get to know their new school environment, and support their academic and social development. This includes:
- Year 7 Team Building Day (22nd September)
- Year 7 Halloween Disco (October 19th)
- Year 8 Buddies
- Transitions Mentoring groups
- Learning Support and the MAC
- Life Skills and tutor time



What does transition look like at HWS?

- Year 7 Transition Parents' Evening (4th July)
- Meetings and phone calls with Year 6 teachers
- Primary school visits
- EHCP and SEND student phone calls with a member of the Learning Support Team
- Optional phone call with a member of the Senior Leadership Team or the Head of Year 7
- Year 7 Parents' Information Evening (25th September)
- Pastoral Review Day (7th December)
- Regular communication via ParentMail and email



How can my child prepare for transition?

- Familiarise themselves with the journey to and from school. Remember that they will be using the entrance on Park Road. We often call this the 'Back Gate'
- Ensure they have the correct school uniform, PE kit and equipment. Tutors will cover this in more detail this evening in the tutor session
- Read regularly. Reading is part of our school day at HWS and we really value its importance
- Establish a clear sleep routine (especially towards the end of summer) so that they are ready for the September alarm
- Talk about any concerns or worries they might have



What will happen in September?

- Tuesday 5th September
 - First day of term for Year 7
 - 10.30am - 1.00pm
 - Timetable
 - Teaching Group
 - Main Teaching Group
 - Maths
 - School tour
 - Student planner and HWS water bottle
- Year 8 Student Buddies
- New lessons and gradual introduction of homework
- Grace period



HWS PSA – Parent School Association

- The Highgate Wood School's Parent School Association is an organisation formed by the parents and carers of the students currently at Highgate Wood School.
- Provide opportunities for parents and carers to meet staff and management, as well as other parents and carers.
- Support the school through fundraising, helping to organise and run social events and keeping parents informed of school events.
- Act as a link between Highgate Wood School families and the school's senior leadership team raising school issues

Get in Touch

- Contact us on hwoodpsa@gmail.com

Year 7 Transition Evening

Tutor Time

TG	7H	7I	7G	7A	7T	7E	7W	7D	7S
Tutor	DDO	LIJ	AUY	PEK	GST (JBU)	ROP	MNA	KSD (DMA)	SGO
Room	A24	A23	A3	A22	A7	A26	A21	A12	A10