

14th May 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

As you are now aware, your child has secured a place at Monkseaton High School for September 2018, and it is with great pleasure that I write to welcome you to our school community.

The next few months will be both an exciting and potentially daunting time for students as they come to the end of their time in their current schools and prepare for a new start in September. As a parent myself, I am very aware that moving schools can be unsettling, so it is with this in mind that we have planned a number of transition opportunities for our new intake. We have devised a series of events, interactions and meetings to be sure we have as much information as possible about our new students, but more importantly, that they themselves have opportunities to get to know us and their new school.

There are several events taking place that will include all students, and further activities and sessions that have been arranged to ensure the needs of all students are met and that we make appropriate provision in advance of them attending full time next year. Mrs Suzette Thompson, Head of Year 9 / Transition and Mr David Walton, Additional Educational Needs Coordinator and SENDCo, have been in regular contact with all our feeder schools to ensure that we know as much as possible about our new students to enable us to make the transition as smooth as possible. During the course of this term, Mrs Thompson and Mr Walton will be going into middle schools to speak with students where they will have an opportunity to ask any questions.

The main transition days will take place on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th July. Students should arrive at Monkseaton High School at 8:45am wearing their current school uniform. On arrival, they will be guided into the Sports Hall and throughout the day, they will take part in a number of activities that will give them a taste and flavour of the school. Students will be placed in form groups, which are allocated in liaison with their current school; they will have been asked if there are any peers they would like to be placed with and we will try to accommodate this as much as possible, though this cannot be guaranteed. The day will finish at 3:30pm and students will leave site.

We are holding an information evening on Wednesday 4th July starting at 5.30pm. There will be a presentation at 5.45pm and an opportunity to see some of the activities students will have been involved with over the transition days. This is an open invitation for parents/carers and students to come to the school for a visit. Various members of staff, who will update you on the school and explain the transition process for September, will host the evening.

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Our uniform supplier will also be here to enable you to try on and purchase uniform. Please note, this is the only supplier that stocks our uniform; any others you may come across are not licensed to do so and do not carry the correct school logo.

If you have any queries regarding the process, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Thompson, Head of Year 9 and Transition or Mr David Walton, Additional Educational Needs Coordinator and SENDCo, via the school office.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs T Crowder', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs T Crowder
Headteacher