

12 June 2023

Transition information

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for choosing to send your child to our school. I know what an important decision it is to choose the right school. We have a fantastic team of professionals in this school, and we will do our very best to ensure that your child's time here is enjoyable, successful and fulfilling.

Every student at MHS is unique, with their own set of talents, skills, and abilities. We can't wait to get to know your child and support them to develop further through our curriculum and extra-curricular activities.

We are looking forward to working with your child over the next few weeks through the range of transition activities we have scheduled. Information has been shared with your child via their current school.

The two transition days are Tuesday 04 and Wednesday 05 July 2023. Some key details:

- Students should arrive at Monkseaton High School for 8:45am
- They should wear their current school uniform and they should bring their trainers to take part in a practical/sporting activity
- Lunch will be provided, although they may of course bring their own packed lunch should they wish
- Please ensure your child brings a drink

Transition Information Evening – Wednesday 05 July:

We would also like to invite you and your child to our transition information evening on Wednesday 05 July. You can arrive from 5:15pm. There will be a presentation where you can find out more about what you can expect from MHS, and what you need to prepare for a successful and smooth start in September. There will be two presentation slots – 5:30pm and 6:00pm. You can book your tickets via this link: https://bit.ly/MHS_transition

There will also be a chance to try on uniform and find out how to order. We fully appreciate that the past few years have made finances difficult for many families

across the UK. If we can support you with any items of uniform please contact Kathryn.Furness@monkseaton.org.uk to discuss your individual requirements.

Reading Challenge:

Developing our students as strong, confident, and regular readers is one of our main priorities at Monkseaton. Regular reading for pleasure has been shown to have a positive impact not only on performance in exams, but in: reducing stress and anxiety; improving vocabulary and comprehension; empowering empathy; and improving sleep. As part of their transition, we will be setting students our Dare to Read Challenge and will provide them with links to online reading materials they can access over the summer, as well as having books available on transition evening for students to take. We would greatly appreciate you encouraging them to participate. One way you can do this is to model reading for pleasure, and so we will also have books available for parents and carers to take, too.

The challenge is available in Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum, with certificates being awarded for each level. Students should start with Bronze and progress through to Platinum. There will also be a prize draw on our return in September; all students who have completed a challenge will be automatically entered with five winners being awarded a £10 voucher for *The Bound* bookshop in Whitley Bay. Entries can be returned on paper in September or via email over the summer to Kathryn.Furness@monkseaton.org.uk

We are sure we will be able to answer all your questions on Wednesday 05 July, however if you have any queries before then, please don't hesitate to contact kerry.davison@monkseaton.org.uk

We look forward to working closely with you in the weeks, months and years ahead.

Yours faithfully



Jo Suddes
Headteacher