

25 June 2021

Year 8 transition to Monkseaton High School

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Monkseaton High School!

This half term would usually see our staff undertake a range of transition activities to support your child's transition to our school. The current circumstances are proving very difficult for us to do this and so our transition and pastoral team are working hard to prepare staff, students and parents for a smooth start in September 2021.

It remains our priority to ensure that all the children feel comfortable and happy in making the exciting move to Monkseaton High School, and so I write to inform you of our plans for this half term and to tell you about the fabulous 'Year 8 Hub' on our website.

The 'Year 8 Hub':

We hope you and your child will find everything you need to support your move to Monkseaton High School in this section of our website. On here you will find:

- A video tour of the school
- A welcome from some of the key staff involved in transition to High School
- A video from our SENCO explaining what support you can expect from our school
- Messages from current year 9 students to year 8 students
- FAQs (frequently asked questions) for both parents and students
- Uniform supplier information
- Transition work – subject specific tasks and activities for your child to undertake this this half term

We will not be able to host our usual transition evening for parents and carers in July, however we aim to provide you with all relevant information you need through our Year 8 Hub.

If you have any queries regarding your child's move to Monkseaton High School, please don't hesitate to contact one of the transition team:

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Carl Angel-Moir- Head of Year 9 Carl.Angell-Moir@monkseaton.org.uk

In the meantime, you may want to see and hear a little more about our school. We always share some of the highlights of the work our current students are producing in our Monkseaton Home School [Newsletters](#) and you can also follow us on Instagram [@monkseatonhighschool](#) and Twitter [@MonkseatonHigh](#).

You can also follow our PE Team video channel through the [Physical Fitness](#) section here too. Feel free to take part in any of the challenges! As we continue to live through these difficult times the challenges of mental health for some young people becomes more acute, the home learning section also has lots of links to support students with their mental health <https://www.monkseaton.org.uk/mental-fitness>

Many thanks for your support during this challenging time.



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