



24th June 2022

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 5th and Wednesday 6th July 2022. 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 6<sup>th</sup> July:**

We would also like to invite you and your child to our transition information evening on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

There will also be a chance to try on uniform and find out how to order. We fully appreciate that the past couple of 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](mailto:Kathryn.Furness@monkseaton.org.uk) to discuss your individual requirements.

**Reading Challenge:**

As part of their transition, we will also be setting students a 1000-minute Summer Reading Challenge. Regular reading for pleasure has been shown to have positive impact on performance in exams, as well as reducing stress and anxiety; improving vocabulary and comprehension; empowering empathy; and improving sleep. We will provide students with some reading materials on the day to support them with the Summer Reading Challenge, and North Tyneside Libraries will also be on site to provide library cards. For your child to receive one, we need some prior information from you, which you can submit by going to <https://bit.ly/librarycard2022>. Please complete this by Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

We are sure we will be able to answer all your questions on Wednesday 6th July, however if you have any queries before then, please don't hesitate to contact [kerry.davison@monkseaton.org.uk](mailto:kerry.davison@monkseaton.org.uk). You can also check out our Year 8 Hub on the website <https://www.monkseaton.org.uk/year-8-hub>

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

Yours faithfully



Jo Suddes  
Headteacher