The Birley Academy Transition FAQs September 2022 Intake

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Will there be a traditional transition week or day this year?
There will be 3 days of transition from 11th to 13th July when the students will meet their form tutors, take part in a variety of lessons, complete a reading age test and learn the Birley Way.

Will my son or daughter be with their friends from Primary School?
At The Birley Academy, we are keen to ensure all students have time to see their friends however classes and tutor groups are not decided based on friendship groups. Activities in Tutor Time are structured in the first instance to allow new friendships to be formed. In addition to this, lessons are for learning.

Who are the key staff who work with Year 7?
Each student at The Birley Academy has a team working around them that will include the form tutor, head of year and year leader. Your child may also have other people working with you to support them, for example, the SENCO and/or the EWO. In September you will receive a Team Around Your Child document which will give you the names and contact details of all the relevant people.

Where do students go on their first day in September?
Students will enter the school on Thornbridge Road and make their way to the main doors where they will be greeted by members of the Leadership Team who will welcome them, reassure them and support them in understanding where they need to go.

What Uniform is required?
Full guidance on uniform is provided on our website at: https://www.birleysecondaryacademy.co.uk/parents/uniform and can be obtained https://pindersschoolwear.com

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What will happen if I get lost?
Yes, we have a big building however we have a fantastic set of student ambassadors and friendly teachers who will make finding your way around very easy! If your room starts with a 1, it's on the first floor. If it starts with 2, it's on the second floor.

Will the school work be hard?
Work is set appropriate to ability and will challenge students to make progress. Teachers will support students to be successful in their work through a carefully designed curriculum and targeted teacher feedback.

What does a typical day look like for a year 7?
All year groups have Tutor Time, 5 Lessons, Break and Lunchtime. Year 7 will attend Tutor Time followed by Period 1 and 2 before break. They'll then attend Period 3 and then they will then have a 30-minute. This is then followed by Period 4 and then Period 5 before the school day ends at 2:35 pm.

What time does school start and finish?
School begins with line up at 8:35 am and finishes at 2:35pm. We expect all students to be on site by 8:30am. At 2:35pm KS3 students leaveunless they are attending an extra curricular club, have a detention or are meeting a teacher.

What Extra-Curricular activities can my child take part in?
There are a wide range of clubs and activities after school for students to engage with should they wish. In PE there is everything from football to dance and students of all abilities are welcome. In September a full list of our extra-curricular offer will be made available.

How do you deal with any friendship issues?
A students form tutor will be there to help support your child with any issues in the first instance. Further to this your child's year leader will provide support where appropriate.

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What happens if my son or daughter has additional needs?
We have been meeting with primaries and obtaining vital information around all students. However, if you have any concerns please send an email marked for the attention of Lee Coddington, our deputy SENCO with responsibilityfor Adapted Curriculum.

Is there loads of Homework set?
Homework at Briley is meaningful and manageable. Students in year 7 will have homework which mainly focuseson Maths, English and Science. Other subjects may opt to set homework but this is to help increase and apply the students learning in a variety of ways. Regularly completed high quality homework is always rewarded.

Do I get rewards?
At Birley we regularly reward students for their hard work and effort. Students are rewarded in line with our vision of Lead, Empower, Achievement and Drive. Students are rewarded for having good attendance, taking part in extra curricular activities and being involved in other aspects of school life ranging from the school council to becoming a student ambassador. We reward students with certificates, specific subject rewards and also giving them the opportunityto attend celebration evenings.

What is there to eat?
Students are able to buy fruit and water at break time to helpkeep them going through until lunch. At lunchtime, there is a range of meals with vegetarian options available. There is apasta bar and cold options such as sandwiches and wraps are also available. We are able to cater for medical and dietary requirements. We are a cashless school and all money is loaded onto the students account using school comms which can be accessed through the school website.

What equipment does my child need?
- Pencil case
- Black / blue pen
- Red pen
- Highlighter
- Pencil
- Rubber
- Sharpener
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Calculator (preferably scientific)
- Coloured pencils

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If you have any additional questions please feel free to email:
transition@birleysecondaryacademy.co.uk
Miss Clark or Mrs Kellett Assistant Headteachers will be happy to respond.