

Transition Timeline- website

At Oakwood Park Grammar School, we are committed to making the move from primary to secondary school a positive, exciting and reassuring experience for every child. Starting a new school is a big milestone, and we want every pupil to feel happy, confident and supported as they begin this new chapter. From the moment your child's place at Oakwood Park is confirmed, they become part of our welcoming school community and begin the journey that will take them all the way through to their A Levels.

To help make this transition as smooth as possible, we have created a comprehensive Transition Programme designed to ensure that every pupil feels comfortable, prepared and excited about joining us. Through a range of activities and events, pupils will have the opportunity to get to know the school, meet our friendly staff and start forming friendships with other students well before their first day in September.

My name is Mr Martin and I am the Deputy Headteacher responsible for overseeing the transition from Year 6 to Year 7. It is a privilege to support families during this important stage, and I look forward to guiding you and your child through the process to ensure the move to secondary school is both smooth and enjoyable.

Throughout the year, I will be in touch alongside the Year 7 team to keep you updated about the exciting events and opportunities we have planned. These include workshops, induction activities and transition days that will help pupils feel confident and ready for life at Oakwood Park. You can see an overview of these key events in the timeline below.

The transition journey begins on 2 March 2026 with National Offer Day, when KCC allocates school places. Shortly afterwards, families will receive a welcome letter from the Headteacher, including admission information and an invitation to our welcome event. From 20 April 2026, members of our team will begin visiting primary schools to meet pupils and help them start preparing for the move to secondary school. We will then host our Year 6 Welcome Evening on 25 June 2026, giving families the opportunity to learn more about life at Oakwood Park and meet key staff. Our Year 6 Transition Day will take place on 2 July 2026, when pupils will spend time in school, meet their teachers and experience a typical day with us.

The new academic year will begin with the first day for Year 7 and Year 12 students on 3 September 2026, followed by the return of all students shortly afterwards.

All of these activities are designed to help pupils feel comfortable, confident and excited about joining our school. We want every child to feel that Oakwood Park Grammar School is a place where they belong and can thrive.

If you have any questions at any stage of the process, please do not hesitate to get in touch — we are always here to help and support you.

We are really looking forward to welcoming our new students and getting to know you all.

Kind regards

Mr J Martin