

Wednesday 7th / Thursday 8th May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to be welcoming you into the Fitzharrys School community as we begin our five-year journey together, which will see your child take their next steps in 2030! Our ethos is *Aspiration*, *Opportunity*, *Integrity*, and here at Fitzharrys we are committed to doing all we can to ensure our students have the knowledge, skills and experiences they will need to set them up for every future success by the end of their time with us. Our excellent transition programme is designed to ensure students settle in very quickly, enabling them to make a flying start at Fitzharrys School.

TRANSITION INFORMATION EVENING

Welcome to your Information Evening. This will entail a presentation relaying all the key information you will need for your child's transition to Fitzharrys School, an introduction to key staff, and a chance to meet some of the other parents and students who are joining us in September.

Your Transition Pack contains the following key information to help you and your child in your induction:

Information	Forms that must be returned on your Induction Evening (Thursday 26 th June 2025)	Forms to be returned on your Induction Evening if applicable
Transition to Year 7: Brief Guide Booklet	Pupil Enrolment form	FSA Volunteer form (Find this on p2. of FSA Newsletter)
Term Dates		FSA 200 Club Application form
Uniform and Equipment list		Application for Free School Meals
Price & Buckland Uniform booklet		Young Carers form
Park & Stride Scheme leaflet		
FSA Newsletter		

Please note:

- the Pupil Enrolment form is applicable to all and should be completed and returned to us during your Induction Evening on Thursday 26th June.
- communications regarding parental consent for trips/events and permissions for the use of images (photos/video) of your child will be sent out to parents and carers early in the academic year.

INDUCTION DAY & INDUCTION EVENING

On **Thursday 26th June**, your child will attend Fitzharrys for their Induction Day, which will run from **9:00am until 3:05pm**. Over the course of the day, they will start to find their way around the school and meet some of the key staff who work with Year 7. They will experience taster lessons, begin to make new friends, and meet our student Buddies: friendly faces from our existing Year 7 who will also be there to support new starters in September.

Please bring your child into school from 8:45am. Accompany your child up to reception, where members of staff will be there to greet and guide them through to the school hall to begin their induction. They should wear their primary school uniform, and bring their PE kit as well as a water bottle, pen, pencil, ruler, and colour pencils. Fitzharrys School will provide free hot lunches; vegetarian and vegan options will be available. If your child has specific dietary requirements, please discuss these with Mrs Sharman or Mrs Wintle-Gregory, our Heads of Year 7 & Transition, or email: esharman@fitzharrys.school / awintlegregory@fitzharrys.school. Please do bring a packed lunch instead if this is preferable.

At **6:00pm** that same day, we will have an **Induction Evening** for parents; we would be pleased to see your son/daughter attend with you. You will have the chance to meet some of the key staff who work with Year 7, and the attending children will have an opportunity to share all they have done earlier in the day. ***Don't forget to bring your completed pupil enrolment form*** and any other relevant documents to hand in!

UNIFORM

Tonight during your Information Evening, and then again on Induction Evening on Thursday 26th June, sample blazers and other items will be available for students to try on, to help you gauge the correct uniform sizes before ordering online from our supplier: **Price and Buckland**. You will be able to purchase school ties at the cost of £7 each – ***please note that ties are only available to purchase directly from the school***. There will also be an opportunity to purchase items from our second-hand uniform stock. Please see the accompanying list in your Transition Pack for further details on uniform requirements, or consult the school website at:

<https://www.fitzharrys.oxon.sch.uk/school-life/uniform/>

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

To further support you and your child as you make the big step up to secondary school, in collaboration with the Communication and Interaction Service, we are running the SWIFT programme which is an opportunity to receive coaching and help if your child has a diagnosis of Autism or is on the NDC Pathway. This is a well-established and reputable course that will offer you the chance to talk to people with similar challenges and learn about possible strategies and receive guidance from experienced professionals, giving you resources which you can use at home.

The course is divided into 4 meetings, on Mondays starting 9th June and every Monday until 30th June; we have two sessions to choose from on each Monday, the first running from 9.30 – 10.50am, with a repeat session in the evening running from 5.00 – 6.30pm. For more information, or to book a space on the SWIFT programme, please email: FHS-SEND@fitzharrys.school.

We understand that the move to secondary school can be a worrying time for some students and believe that this course can help parents to steer through and manage challenges with confidence.

Going forward, if you have any queries, we are always very pleased to help, so don't hesitate to ask staff during our Transition events or email the school office. In addition, please note our **Transition from Year 6** webpage is regularly updated and contains a wealth of information that will be useful throughout your transition journey.

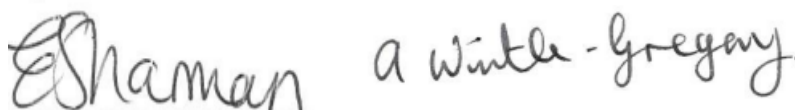
<https://www.fitzharrys.oxon.sch.uk/joining-us/transition-from-year-6/>

We hope you have an enjoyable Information Evening.

Yours sincerely,



Mr W Speke
Headteacher



Mrs E Sharman & Mrs A Wintle-Gregory
Heads of Year 7 & Transition