

Year 7 Transition Bulletin 2026

Episode 1: Teaching/Tutor Groups



Moving from primary to secondary school is exciting – a rite of passage. But, it can also be a daunting or anxious time for students and their parents too. Your feelings about joining secondary school are totally valid whatever they are. We've been having a look through some of the surveys which you have completed for us and we recognise that you have lots of questions about teaching groups and tutor groups. This bulletin is designed to answer those for you.

A little bit about the school day:

- Each day, you will have a tutor time in the morning followed by 4 lessons.
- You will have a tutor who you see every day at the start of the day. Your tutor group will have about 30 students in it. Your tutor group will have a mixture of students from most of the feeder primary schools.
- In tutor time each day, your tutor will make sure that you are ready for the start of the day and you will also do some lessons on personal development. These might include: the reading programme, discovering and discussing around non-fiction current affairs themes, time for self-reflection, and assembly.
- Your lessons will include: Maths, English, Science, Spanish, History, Geography, Computing, Art, Drama, Music, Technology (including Food Tech), PE, PSHE and RE. You will have a different teacher for each of these lessons.
- For most of your lessons, you will be taught in teaching groups. These will be based on an assessment of your attainment. This will ensure that you can achieve your very best and make good progress with the right level of support and challenge for you.

Tutor Groups

- When we allocate tutor groups to students, we aim to make the tutor groups as balanced as possible; the group is made up of a mixture of genders, students from different primary schools, different prior attainment and individual needs. We also listen to the voice of the primary school teachers and year 6 pupils.
- We will do our very best to allocate you a tutor group with at least one person you would like to be with. We'd like you to complete a quick survey to share with us any information to help us to allocate tutor groups. Please complete this by Friday 12th June 2026.
- When you're thinking about tutor groups, please consider other year 6s who you know you can work well with who, along with you, will be an asset to your tutor group.
- It's fine if you'd like to leave the survey blank; this means you really can embrace meeting new people.
- We will share your tutor group with you ahead of the Year 6 Welcome Day.

Tutor Group Survey