

BISHOP HEBER HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Congratulations on receiving a place for your child at Bishop Heber High School for September 2021.

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Louise Robinson, and I am Head of Year 7 at Bishop Heber. I will be responsible for your child's transition to Bishop Heber in September 2021.

Next term will be the final term of primary school for Year 6 children before moving on to secondary school in September and we do understand that there will be a mixture of emotions ranging from excitement with perhaps some anxiety too. Last summer our usual programme of transition activities was affected by the lockdown restrictions and guidance on social distancing. On April 21st, 2021, the Prime Minister will outline whether or not restrictions will be lifted further. We are unable to make any definite announcements until we receive specific notifications from the government but as it stands, Intake Day is scheduled for July 13th. If this event can no longer take place, we will revise our plans and inform you accordingly.

I have written a booklet to support your child's transition to Heber and this booklet will be given to your child when I meet them in their primary school setting or on Intake Day. An electronic version of this booklet will be available on the Heber website after Easter. In the booklet I have attempted to answer the most frequently asked questions asked by Year 6's and have based my answers on my 39 years of experience of working with Year 6 and Year 7 students.

I will also be compiling two PowerPoint presentations based on the following;

First Day at School: What the children can expect and a rough guideline of their first day in September.

Starting Bishop Heber: Images of key areas around school and video clips from current students who have been asked to reflect on their own experiences of moving up to High School.

These presentations will be sent to Primary Schools towards the end of June and then forwarded onto parents.

Mrs Willis (SENDCo) and I will communicate with every child's Year 6 teacher and SENDCo in order to further support their transition. Year 6 teachers and SENDCo's work hard to provide me with information which will support your child's move up to High School. Mrs Willis will contact parents of any child who has been identified by their primary school as requiring extra transition support. You can also email her at sendcotransition21@heber.org.uk any information that is not SEND related that you would like me to be aware of at this time should be forwarded to me **via** your child's teacher. Please do not email me directly.

I will do my very best to ensure that all children are placed in a tutor group with at least one person of their choice, but I am unable to make any firm guarantees. Children will be notified as to which class they are in and who their form tutor is by the first day of term in September. This is a wonderful opportunity for a fresh start and for making new friends as well as building on the friendships that have developed at Primary School over the past few years.



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210 students joined Heber last September from 35 different Primary Schools. Ten students came from schools not knowing anyone and everyone settled in remarkably quickly. I will explain the tutor group and banding system in my power point presentation later next term.

We are very excited to be working with Healthbox CIC to provide a bespoke physical, mental & emotional wellbeing package for all our students, including Year 6. Healthbox CIC have been funded by the Westminster Foundation to deliver a 5-year wellbeing project across rural west Cheshire. During these challenging times we are extremely fortunate to be assisted by the expertise within this team and over the summer term we will be sharing some of their work with Year 6 students to support them with their move to High School.

I am confident that we will be well prepared and ready to welcome your child to Bishop Heber in September. I know that every Primary School will have done their very best to prepare your child for this next important stage in their life. Final details surrounding arrangements for the start of the new year will be issued at a later date by Mr Curry.

Kind Regards,

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