



# THE KING'S SCHOOL

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Dear Parent

## Year 6 Induction at The King's School

We are currently working hard to ensure that our induction programme for your son/daughter is as smooth and as comprehensive as possible.

Mrs Argent-Wenz, who leads on the Year 6 transition, and Mrs Curtis, who supports her, have been collating information that we have received from the different feeder primary schools. For your information our current allocation shows that we have students joining us from 29 different primary schools. There are 5 primary schools from which we are receiving 10 or more students and of the other 24 schools there is only one school where more than three students are coming up.

The reason for sharing this information with you is to make you aware that we are dealing with students from very different contexts and although some students will join us knowing lots of other students, there are a number of students who will know very few others when they arrive at school. It is important that these students understand that many of their peers are in the same situation.

Mrs Argent-Wenz, myself and Heads of House will be liaising closely with the primary schools and they will be advising us how it would be best to group students. Mrs Argent-Wenz has the unenviable task of creating six mixed gender and mixed ability teaching groups of thirty students. Mrs Argent-Wenz will also place all 180 students in a tutor group within our four houses. We will be able to communicate which House, teaching group and tutor group your son/daughter is in at the Year 6 Parent and Student Information Evening on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June.

The plan for our induction programme over the coming period will be as follows:

- we are planning to visit these schools from whom we are receiving the most children:

Ottery St Mary Primary School  
Feniton Church of England Primary School  
West Hill Primary School  
Payhembury Church Of England Primary School  
Tipton St John Church of England Primary School  
Littletown Primary Academy

During these visits we will endeavour to speak to the children collectively and discuss the transition to Kings. We will also have a chance to speak to teachers to follow up the information already received.

- If your child does not attend one of these schools we invite them to attend a one hour meeting on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** from 4pm to 5pm. We will speak to this group of students about the transition and enable them to meet some of the other students who they will be with at The King's School. Further details of this event will come out shortly.

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Towards the end of the summer term there are two further important events:

- **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June – A Year 6 Induction Evening for students and parents at 6pm** where they will meet key staff, get to know which teaching group and tutor groups they will be in and hear lots of relevant information to prepare for Year 7.
- **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Induction Week.** All Year 6's are invited to attend for the week. Our students are out on "Project Week" trips with just a few left on the school site so it is an ideal time for them to get to know the school and its routines, as well as meeting their new peer group. They will be engaged in lessons in different subject areas and other activities during the course of the week.

In the next few weeks you will receive an e-mail regarding Edulink. This is our main way of collecting your data but also communicating with you. This is an incredibly useful tool and one that you will need to become familiar with very quickly. We will be asking you to fill in all your contact details and some other information via Edulink. We will send details of how to do this in due course.

I hope that this gives you some clarification as to how we plan to support the induction process and will give you some re-assurance as well. We will be in contact with you again in the coming weeks but, in the meantime, if you have any questions please contact Tara Curtis ([studentsupportadmin@thekings.devon.sch.uk](mailto:studentsupportadmin@thekings.devon.sch.uk))

Yours sincerely

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