



The Warwick School

Making the Transition (to Secondary School) the Best Experience Possible

We recognise that the transition from a student's primary school to "big" secondary school can be a difficult and unsettling experience so we have a comprehensive programme with the aim of easing this transition as much as possible. This programme includes:

Year-round term-time workshops, trips and events run by Warwick staff (and Warwick students) that take place at both the primary schools and at The Warwick School. These familiarise the primary students with The Warwick. Also Saturday and holiday workshops plus our 8-day Summer Science School. We also run family trips and events; our first Year 7 event is the Bonding Day which takes place in the first few weeks of the Autumn term at Blacklands Farm. We also hold our annual in-school "Science Spectacular" evening show and our Annual Lecture to which primary students (and parents)) are invited. Apart from these curriculum enhancing experiences and events which familiarise the primary school students with the school, our programme also comprises :

September: Primary School Road Shows: Visits to local primary schools to speak with Year 5 & 6 students and their parents, particularly to answer their questions about the transition to secondary school.

May/June: Primary School visits: Visits to Year 6 students who have been allocated a place at The Warwick School. Students are provided with an Induction Pack. Information is gathered from the Year 6 teachers to inform how support is implemented and to identify tutor/teaching groups.

June: Welcome Afternoon: Year 6 students who are not from one of our main, linked primary schools and who may not know anyone else joining The Warwick School are invited to attend a Welcome Afternoon.

July: Induction Day: Year 6 students spend a whole day at The Warwick School, meet their tutor, their tutor group, their Warwick student mentors and experience a lesson.

July: Induction Evening: Parents are invited to a presentation and to meet their child's tutor.

July: Transition Activity Day: Following discussions with Year 6 teachers, those primary school students for whom it is felt transition may be particularly difficult are invited to attend an activity day with staff from both their primary school and The Warwick School.

July/September: Transition Action Plans: Transition Action Plans (TAPs) are completed for those students who may have particular needs and who would benefit from this further support with transition.

Warwick Student Mentors: We have a team of specially selected senior Warwick students all of whom volunteered to be selected to be mentors for the students in the new Year 7 tutor groups. These Warwick mentors work with the new students in tutor time and are experienced and friendly guides and advisors to the new students at all other times.