

25 March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 6/7 Transition

I am delighted that your child will be joining Springfield in September and look forward to meeting you and your child in due course. Springfield is a high-achieving school; we expect our pupils to enjoy their learning and to work hard to achieve the best GCSE and other results of which they are capable.

As Ofsted Inspectors noted when they last visited us, 'Pupils are happy and safe at this school. They behave well in lessons and around the school. Pupils are nearly always kind and respectful towards each other and their teachers. They know that their teachers expect them to try their best, behave well and wear their uniform smartly.' Last November Challenge Partners praised our students and noted, 'Students feel a sense of belonging at Springfield School and have the forum to discuss and influence key issues'. I hope that your child will contribute to maintaining this positive ethos, be very happy and flourish at Springfield.

We were extremely proud of our Year 11 pupils' outcomes last summer. Notably, 72% of students achieved a grade 4 or above in an English GCSE and 61% of students achieved a grade 4 or above in the mathematics GCSE. Over half of the year group achieved five or more GCSE passes including English and mathematics; and over a third of students achieved a strong pass (grade 5 or above – approximately equivalent to the former grade B) in English and mathematics. The top performing subject was Biology, with 95% of the students achieving a grade 4 or above.

Transition Arrangements

Year 6 pupils are invited to visit Springfield for their induction days on **Monday, 01 July and Tuesday, 02 July 2024**.

We will provide an opportunity for parents/carers to meet key staff, including their child's Tutor, and to find out more about the school during the (late) afternoon of **Thursday, 04 July 2024**.

Families of children with specific individual/SEND needs will be contacted directly regarding additional support for their child's transition.

All being well, we hope to be able to offer our popular summer club during the week beginning **Monday, 19 August 2024** (kindly note that places are limited) and will forward further information in due course.

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Transition Documentation

I would politely ask that you sign and return the nine forms in this pack to the school (FAO Reprographics Department) as soon as possible and no later than **Tuesday, 30 April 2024**.

You can either drop the completed induction pack to Reception at Springfield School in the envelope provided or post the completed pack to the school using the enclosed addressed envelope. *(Please note that if you return the pack to the school by post, you will need to attach a stamp of the correct value.)*

- Biometric Consent Letter
- Data Collection Form
- Health Check Form & Disability Questionnaire
- E-Safety Agreement
- Home School Agreement
- Consent for Photography and Use of Images
- Educational visit and Consent Form
- Google Classroom Permission Request
- Modern Foreign Language Letter (if you have a preference only)

Further Information

Further information regarding transition is available on the Year 6/7 Transition page of our website, including school uniform requirements, cashless catering information and an attendance leaflet. To view the page please type this shortcut link into your browser <https://bit.ly/2MfGloU> or go to www.springfield.uk.net, select the 'School Life' tab and scroll down to 'Year 6/7 Transition'.

I would also encourage you to explore Springfield's website, e-prospectus and Virtual Open Evening films to find out more about the school should you not have had the chance to do so already. Springfield posts its news on X and Facebook, so please also 'sign up' to find out more about what is happening on a day to day basis.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Sara Spivey
Headteacher

