

June 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Induction Evening, Tuesday 23rd June, Parents/Carers only
Induction Days for Students, Tuesday 30th June and Wednesday 1st July

I am delighted to write to invite you to a meeting for parents of students joining Year 9 at Whitley Bay High School in September. This will take place on **Tuesday 23rd June at 5.30pm** in the Main School Hall and will last no more than an hour.

The presentation will give you a chance to put a few names to faces and find out more about the school in preparation for September as well as the Induction Days. You will be given a booklet containing term dates, school procedures and uniform details.

Can I take this opportunity to provide a word of caution about tutor groups and lessons: every year parents/carers request changes to tutor groups based on existing friendships. We are seldom able to agree to those requests. Tutor groups are devised carefully using information on each individual child supplied by the middle schools and option choices. Making new friends is cited by 100% of our students at the end of Year 9 as one of the reasons why they are happy here, and although they may be anxious at transition time we would reassure you that new tutor groups are an excellent way of making new friends.

Because of the numbers of parents/carers likely to attend, car parking will be a problem, and therefore if at all possible, we advise you to walk to this event. If you are driving it would be advisable to leave in very good time for the 5.30pm start. Please note that students and younger siblings should not attend as the evening is designed for parents/carers and the hall will be very full.

As you may be aware we are in the process of meeting children during the transition period taking place this term. In addition to this, students will have the opportunity to visit school for two Induction Days on **Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 1st July**. Students should arrive via the main entrance at the front of the school for a prompt 9.15am start and will finish at 3.15pm on Tuesday and 3.05pm on Wednesday. Students should come dressed in their Middle School PE Uniform as they will be taking part in a range of practical and PE activities.

Lunch will be provided by Mellors, our Catering Provider on both days at a cost to Mellors and the school, therefore there is no requirement for payment on either day. Students can, if they would prefer, also choose to bring a packed lunch. Students will not be permitted to leave the site at lunchtime. There will also be a short break for students in the morning on each day, students may wish to bring in a small snack as the canteen will not be available during this time.

At the end of the day students should make their way straight home. Further details of the arrangements will be given to parents/carers on the 23rd June at the Induction Evening. We look forward to meeting you on 23rd June, and the students on Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 1st July.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries, on any issues concerning your child.

Yours faithfully



Steve Wilson
Headteacher