

June 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Induction Evening, Tuesday 28th June, Parents only
Induction Days for Students, Tuesday, 5th and Wednesday, 6th 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 28th June at 6.00pm** 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: every year parents 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 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 6.00 PM start. Please note that students and younger siblings should not attend as the evening is designed for parents and the hall will be very full.

As you may be aware I am in the process of meeting children during the transition process taking place this term. In addition to this, students will have the opportunity to visit school for two Induction Days on **Tuesday, 5th and Wednesday, 6th July**. Students should arrive for a prompt **9.15am** start on both days. Students will finish at 3.15pm on Tuesday and 3.00pm on Wednesday. Students should come dressed in their Middle School PE Uniform for both days as they will be taking part in a range of practical and PE activities.

Lunch will be provided by Catering Services as part of the Induction days therefore there is no requirement for payment, or students can choose to bring a packed lunch if they would like to. Students will not be permitted to leave the site at lunchtime on the Induction Days. There will also be a short break for students in the morning 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 each day students should make their way straight home. Further details of the arrangements for Induction Days' will be given to parents on the 28th June at the Induction Evening.

I look forward to meeting you on Tuesday 28th June, and the students again on Tuesday, 5th and Wednesday, 6th July. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries, on any issues concerning your child.

Yours faithfully



Ankita Lawson
Head of Year 9