



Transfer & Induction



Key Points

From Terry Fitton: Head of Year 7

A very warm welcome to The Warriner School.

We hope that the following information will help to ensure that the transition process runs effectively for all those concerned.

At The Warriner, we are strongly committed to creating an environment within which every individual knows that they are a valued and key part of the school community. This is achieved by placing emphasis on developing the whole person. In doing this, we nurture happy and confident students who are fully supported in order that they fulfil their potential both academically and personally. This commitment is a key part of the transfer process and we seek to ensure that every student is welcomed successfully into our school community.

Please take the time to read the information below, you will learn lots more through the induction process and by visiting The Warriner School website.

The Tutor Group

The tutor plays a vital role in the pastoral and academic support of your child and is generally the first point of contact between home and school. They are there to address day-to-day issues and offer advice, guidance and support.

There are ten tutor groups in Year 7; each student is placed carefully into a tutor group to ensure that there is a good mix of individuals from a range of primary schools. The tutors are supported fully by the Head of Year 7, our SEN team and our Warriner Learning Centre. The tutor group comes together each morning and the tutorial and assembly sessions are an important and integral part of our school day.

The move to secondary school is an opportunity to broaden friendships; students will be encouraged to mix and develop strong relationships within a safe and supportive environment. Tutors will engage in a range of activities to help students to settle into school and gain confidence in their new surroundings. Activities include:

'Show and Tell' – an opportunity for children to get to know each other

'Newsround' – watching the weekly news and discussing key events across the world

'Independent Day' – students work silently to complete homework, read a book, or improve work

'Pioneer Quiz' – excellent role models from Year 10 deliver fun and engaging quizzes to teams

'Inter-house Events' – such as seated volleyball, encouraging healthy competition between houses

'Group Reading' – developing students' literacy and vocabulary by reading a novel or short story together

The Teaching Class

The year group is divided into ten teaching classes, five in each 'wing' (West & East), with an average class size of 28. The classes will be mixed by gender, ability and primary school. Mathematics groupings will be organised by ability, but in Year 7 all other subjects are either mixed or in tutor groups. For students with additional needs, there is small group provision in some subjects, where children learn together in a specialist nurture setting. Each subject leader will build the groups to meet the needs of both their subject and each student.

In P.E. and Games boys and girls are separated for activities.

Keeping Organised

In September, there will be big changes for our Year 7s. A large campus, multiple departments, numerous teachers, new subjects; so much is different from their primary experiences. The vast majority of our students relish and 'step up' to this change, and we are there every step of the way to support them. To really help your child stay organised, they should be sure to have:

- The right equipment
- A pocket organiser (provided by the school)
- Daily access to 'Go4Schools' for homework

We will provide many tour guides, maps, and much guidance throughout the first two weeks to help students find their way around. After that, we give them the opportunity to use their new-found knowledge and experience to 'stand on their own two feet'.

Induction Sessions & Virtual welcomes

On the 28th of June at 7pm we will formally welcome families in our Virtual induction presentation; details of which can be found on our website at www.thewarrinerschool.co.uk/transition. On the following 5th and 6th of July 'Standing in the Gap' will provide a comprehensive talk on preparing your child for secondary school and what to expect – to book your place please visit our website at www.thewarrinerschool.co.uk/transition.

On Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th July, the new Year 7s will spend two days with us getting to know each other, staff members, experience some lessons and familiarise themselves with the layout and dynamics of the school. This will be a carefully organised and gentle introduction to 'our way of life' at The Warriner School which we hope students will enjoy.

The Warriner School - standards for all students

At The Warriner we believe in high standards from all members of our community. These standards are designed to ensure that every student maximises their learning in a positive and supportive culture that is focussed on quality, challenge and an on-going dialogue between the teacher and student. In turn we aim to ensure that standards of behaviour and achievement continue to rise as our students develop good learning habits. The key expectations are:

- All work set should be completed, both classwork and homework
- Errors should be corrected as directed by the teacher
- Students are to respond to feedback from the teacher in their books
- Quality and care needs to be taken with presentation
- Standards should be consistently high in all subject areas

At The Warriner School our three key values are 'RESPONSIBLE – RESPECTFUL – READY'. In every area of the school community we constantly strive to reinforce this. In Year 7, we want every student to become familiar with the 'Three Rs' and always look to demonstrate these values in their day-to-day behaviour at The Warriner School.

Admission Form, Medical Form and other forms in the additional pack

It is essential that **all forms** in the additional enclosed pack are accurately completed in full. Accuracy with contact details is vital should you need to be contacted urgently. We need to be aware of **all medical needs and medication** that might apply to your child.

Forms must be returned either electronically via email to: l.barton@warriner.oxon.sch.uk or by post, marked for the attention of Lisa Barton by 23rd June 2023.

Please go to www.thewarrinerschool.co.uk/dataprotection to read privacy notices relating to the data we collect and hold.

We hope that this guide has informed and reassured you about transition to The Warriner. We are proud of our transition process, and feel that it creates happy, comfortable children who love to be part of our community from the outset.

Further information is available on our school website, should you wish to find out further details of how we support our students from Year 6 through to Year 8:

<http://www.thewarrinerschool.co.uk/transition>

We look forward to meeting you in due course and answering any further questions that you may have.

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