

Bishop Luffa School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Transition Tuesdays 2026 – Week 7

This will be our last Transition Tuesday before the summer holiday, so we have included some additional resources that you may find helpful over the long break, as well as an update on some key events and dates.

Year 7 Induction Day

Their first official day will be Thursday 3rd September, and the Year 7 Induction Day. I will write to you all again shortly before we return in September with more details, but I can confirm that the day will start at 8:00am and end at 2:30pm. We have arranged to only have Year 7 and 12 students on site, which will give your child plenty of space on their first day as fully-fledged Bishop Luffa students! Our catering company, Caterlink, will also be providing lunch for free, to welcome our new students.

Year 7 Residential

We hope that as many of your children as possible are able to attend the residential to the Isle of Wight. It is always a highlight of the year, with lifelong memories created. We will write to you again in September with more details, but can confirm the following dates:

- Wednesday 23rd to Friday 25th September – Ridgeway and Sherborne
- Wednesday 30th September to Friday 2nd October – Andrewes and Burrows
- Wednesday 7th to Friday 9th October – Story and Wilson
- Wednesday 21st to Friday 23rd October – King and Otter

This will be an activity packed three days away for the students, and an opportunity to really get to know the rest of their Tutor Group, paired House, Head of House and Form Tutor. The cost is expected to be approximately £215 per student.

We will write with more information in September, when we will ask for a £50 deposit with the balance of £165 due by 31st December, payable in installments if preferred. If finance is an issue please contact us, in confidence, at finance@bishopluffa.org.uk.

Uniform

Our advice about uniform and equipment is to put your name on everything. Most items will make their way home, provided we know who they belong to! Growth-spurts, coupled with a lack of organisation / care, can mean items sometimes need replacing. The PFA second uniform shop will be open in September.

Biometric Fingerprint

Please read the attached letter from Mr White, Deputy Head, about consent for using biometric fingerprints.

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Year 6 House Points Competition

Thank you to everyone that responded to the opportunities to earn points for your House. There have been some impressive individual student scores, but in the end there was only one winner... Burrows! Mrs Bagdoniene will be delighted!

There will be plenty of opportunities for the other Houses to challenge for interhouse glory, when we get started next term.

Position	House	House points
1	Burrows	36
2	Ridgeway	21
3	Otter	20
4	King	18
5	Story	16
6	Wilson	9
7	Sherborne	9
8	Andrewes	8

Weekly update from the Library team: We love reading!

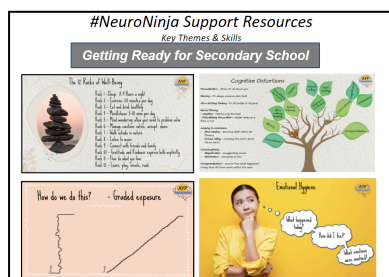
For advice and support to encourage your child to read this summer please [click here](#) to view the information prepared by our Literacy Coach and Librarians, including a list of Key Stage Three suggested summer reads.

Our top three tips:

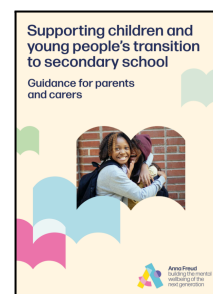
- Listen to an audio book in the car on your holiday, talk about the characters and storyline together
- Create a garden Den and read together by torchlight once the sun goes down
- Go to the public library together and take out a non-fiction book on a project you would like to complete: how to grow vegetables, learn how to watercolour, learn how to make an amigurumi knitted pet, www.amigurumi.com. The list is endless. Pick your passion for learning and share this with your child.

Guidance for Parents and Carers - supporting your child with the transition

We have previously shared some advice from YoungMinds about how to support your child through the transition from primary to secondary school. We would also recommend the resources from Anna Freud. They have produced a [short guide](#) which includes practical advice, as well as suggested resources that children and parents and carers may find useful.



If you already have children in school you will have heard about Action Your Potential and their NeuroNinja programme. Action Your Potential have developed a unique programme, using the very latest research in Neuroscience and Cognitive psychology. There are some great resources available on their [website](#) and we also recommend viewing their [Managing Challenge and Change - Y6 into Y7 Transition Resources](#).



Thank you for taking the time to read and respond to our weekly transition emails. I hope you have found them useful, and they have helped you and your child to feel ready for September. We wish you and your family all the very best for an enjoyable and restful summer.

Warm regards,

Neil Topley
Assistant Headteacher