



LYDIARD PARK ACADEMY

14th July, 2020

Dear Parent,

Thank you once again for choosing Lydiard Park Academy for your child's secondary school education. Below is some useful information that should make the transition between schools even easier. We appreciate that without a full induction there may be some questions you or your child have. We hope that the information below will provide you with extra clarity with regards to joining Lydiard Park Academy.

What you need to know...

- **Start of the LPA Learning Journey** – New pupils will be welcomed to LPA on Thursday 3rd September. Pupils should arrive between 8am and 8:15am. Due to current restrictions, we cannot allow parents onsite, therefore a final goodbye for the day will need to take place at the school gate. We do appreciate that this is very tough for parents and pupils, however from experience, pupils are resilient and adapt very well to their new school surroundings. On their first day, the new year 7's will be the only pupils in school. They will spend the day with their tutor and learn about their new school, its procedures and expectations.
- **The end of the first day** – Pupils will leave at 2:30pm. Pupils will be escorted to the gate where you are welcome to meet them. We do not allow any cars onsite at the end of the day. If you do travel by car, please be respectful of no parking areas and local resident access. The end of the school day are busy, therefore if you travel by car, please identify a safe place away from the school to meet your child.
- **Online Q&A** – After the first day you will be invited to ask any questions that may arise. You can join the meeting through Zoom.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9562915904>

Meeting ID: 956 291 5904

When you join, you will be automatically placed in a waiting room. When invited in you will be able to ask your question in privacy.

- **Tutor groups** – These are being finalised at the moment and will not be shared before the summer. All pupils (unless they are the only one coming from their school), will be with someone they know from their primary school.
- **CAT Tests** – These will take place during the first few weeks. They are nothing to worry about and are straight forward. These tests are computer based and cannot be revised or prepared for. The information we gain from these online tests will help us understand the cognitive ability areas of strength that your child has.



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- **Lockers** – these will be assigned to pupils in the area closest to their year group location
- **Uniform / PE kits** – A full uniform guide can be found in your induction pack. Please ensure you order uniform leaving enough time for home delivery. Please remember that we do not allow hooded tops or baseball caps in school. All pupils will need to wear shoes.
- **Parent pay** – You will receive a letter with details of your parent pay log on. You will need to set this account up to allow all payments to school as we do not accept cash. If you have not received your letter (via your child), please let us know. A **Biometric finger scan** will be taken on the first day. This will then linked to parent pay accounts
- **Reading book** – All pupils will need to bring a reading book of their choice with them from their first day at LPA
- **Session 6** – There is a plan to hold home study club every Tuesday to Thursday. PE clubs for year 7 will only run on a Monday due to the bubble approach to teaching. The PE team hope to extend this provision after an assessment is made in the first few weeks.
- **Mental Health** – We take positive mental health very seriously at LPA. Here is a link to a presentation from Kooth. <https://youtu.be/pu48-VGiXO0> We recommend downloading the app which offers a free service to young people.
- **Travel** – We continue to plan for September, please can you assist us by indicating on the attached survey link how your child will be travelling to and from school. https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=HVyXAbWGtksN_jgqVK1qhjIAjU67BYNEhZsdUENE4-JUQ01aTTgyVkJZHTkRUSVBYNzJTVjIQS1hFRy4u

If there are any concerns or questions **before** September, please contact us on the email addresses below and your question will be directed accordingly.

Miss Cannon, Head of Year 7 – CannonN@lydiardparkacademy.org.uk

Miss McComb, Pastoral Assistant - McCombK@lydiardparkacademy.org.uk

Mr Dobbs, Assistant Principal - Dobbsc@lydiardparkacademy.org.uk

If you do not have an access to email, please contact the school, in term time on 874224. When starting school in September, the first point of contact will be your child's tutor. Contact details will be confirmed in September.

Yours sincerely,

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