

Dear Parent /Carer

We hope that this letter finds you well and coping during what is a very challenging situation.

Once again, we are delighted that you have chosen Shirebrook Academy as the secondary school for your child and we look forward to working closely with you over the next five years.

This is a time of great change in your child's life and we know that many of you will be anxious about the move to secondary school. Rest assured, we will do all that we can to make you and your child feel welcome and are working hard to make sure the transition to secondary school is as smooth as possible for families over the coming weeks and months.

By now our Transition Team would normally be visiting partner primary schools to share important information about starting school. We would also be sharing plans for our two week transition programme in July. Unfortunately, due to the current school closures we are unable to do this, however we have made all of the information you need available online.

The virtual transition programme is aimed at making your child's move to secondary school as stress free and happy as possible given the circumstances.

We now have a dedicated transition section on our website

<https://www.shirebrookacademy.org/year-6-transition/>

Here you will be able to find useful resources to help your child familiarise themselves with the school and its key operations.

Resources already available include:

- A map of the school
- A virtual tour of the school
- Information on the structure of the school lunch time
- Information on all key members of staff for Year 7
- Work that can be completed to prepare for subjects at secondary school

Please follow our twitter account @shireacademy where we will let you know when new resources are added to the website.

The purpose of this information pack is to provide you with some important details regarding the transition to the Academy.

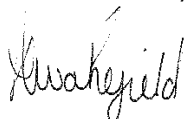
Please find enclosed documents with information on the following:

1. School uniform. Please note: due to the current situation The Schoolwear Centre is currently closed. We will be in contact with you shortly with details regarding uniform sales.
2. Details on school transport
3. Top Tips that our current Y7 students have produced during lockdown – they were keen to share their tips for a successful transition to Shirebrook Academy and will be available to support your child in September at the Academy.

We hope to make the transition experience as seamless as possible, and are here to offer support and address any questions or concerns during what we recognise is a strange and worrying time. Therefore if you have any questions that need addressing please do not hesitate to contact the Academy on the dedicated transition email transition@shirebrookacademy.org

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students to the Academy in September.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H Wakefield', written in a cursive style.

Ms H Wakefield