

## **Transition at St Dunstan's.**

### Year 5

During the course of Year 5, students are invited to take part in a number of different Transition afternoons. These afternoons are planned and delivered by our own dedicated staff. The purpose is to gain insight into the subjects studied at Secondary and to familiarise themselves with the school and our staff. Our intention is to alleviate any anxiety about choosing a Secondary school as it is a big decision. These activities begin in Term 3 (after Christmas) and continue to Term 6.

### Year 6

In Year 6, St Dunstan's offers an Autumnal Open Evening and yearly Morning Tours. We invite parents and carers to bring their children to see the school 'in action'. The Morning Tours allow parents and prospective students to see the school during a normal school day. At the Open Evening, families will be given a tour of the school, immerse themselves in some taster activities and ask any questions. During the evening there will be a talk by Mr Balkwill our Headteacher, Ms Haden our Deputy and SENDCo, and Mrs Easterbrook our Head of KS3 and Transition.

Parents and Carers will need to submit their Secondary School choices to County using the [following link](#) by the end of October.

### Feeder Schools

Our list of feeder schools is ever developing, but we usually receive students from the following schools:

St Benedicts, Glastonbury

Meare Primary, Meare

West Pennard Primary, West Pennard

Baltonsborough Primary, Baltonsborough

Butleigh Primary, Butleigh

Ashcott Primary, Ashcott

Walton Primary, Walton



Brookside Academy, Street  
Elmhurst Junior, Street  
Stoberry Park, Wells  
High Ham Primary, High Ham  
King Ina Academy, Somerton

### Transition offer

Once we are given the list of students to expect from Somerset County we organise for Transition forms to be sent to all of the Primary Schools. Mrs Easterbrook then arranges to visit every student who will be joining us in September - this is done after May half term. During this visit Mrs Easterbrook will speak with the Year 6 Teacher, SENDCo and DSL, as well as meet the students and answer any questions they may have. Transition forms will also be collected.

### Transition Day

Usually the first Wednesday in July there is a county-wide 'moving up day, or transition day'. Students will go to their Secondary school on this day. When students come to St Dunstan's they will meet their Tutor, experience taster lessons and have the full experience of what it is like to be in Secondary school - they even get a free lunch! During this same day Parents and Carers are invited back to the school in the evening to get the opportunity to meet their son/daughter's tutor and other teaching staff.

### Enhanced Transition

If, following the transition forms and visit, it is deemed necessary to offer enhanced transition, parents/carers will be contacted by the SENDCo to offer a range of extra support and transition events. This also includes an Enhanced Transition morning where students will meet the SENDCo and TA team.

### First Day in September

The first day in September is dedicated to Year 7 only. Students will be on site in their new St Dunstan's uniform to experience the day for themselves. They will be shown around the school and spend the morning with their tutors followed by their first Year 7 lessons. The rest of the school will return to school the following day.