

Dear Parents/Carers

We look forward to seeing your child on their 2 transition days on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th July.

Further information regarding transition can be found on our website, <https://Holyrood.bep.ac> Parents/Year 6 Transition. Documents in this area are:

- Information Pack for New Admissions 2026/27
- A copy of this letter
- A letter from our music department
- Uniform Online Ordering Information
- Guidance Notes for the Online Student Information Form
- Information regarding the Big Step programme

We are very pleased that your child is joining us at Holyrood Academy in **September 2026**. The autumn term for Year 7 begins on **Monday 7th September 2026 at 8:30am**. Years 7 and 12 are the only students in school on this day to help them familiarise themselves with the Academy.

In order to ensure a smooth transition from primary school into secondary school we are delighted to invite your child to transition days as follows:

- **Monday 6th July from 9am – 3pm**
- **Tuesday 7th July from 9am – 3pm**

You will need to make your own arrangements for getting your child to and from school on these days. Please be aware the transition days end at 3pm, at which point your child will be allowed to leave the school site. Entry and exit is via the front entrance on Zembard Lane. Please be advised that there is very little parking.

Please can you ensure your child comes in comfortable clothing (NOT school uniform), brings a packed lunch*, a drink, sun hat and sun cream, and writing equipment on the day. If your child is entitled to a free school meal at lunchtime we will make sure a packed lunch is available for them. ** Please note the canteen will not be available for your child to purchase food/drink on the transition days.*

Meet the tutor evening for Year 6 Parents/Carers and Students – Monday 6th July

On the 6th of July we will be offering a transition evening for all parents of Year 6 children. At this time there will be a brief presentation about life at Holyrood, and then an opportunity to meet your son or daughter's tutor and other staff and ask any questions you may have about life as a Year 7 student. You will also have the opportunity to find out about additional music lessons, the Holyrood PTFA and Catering. Information regarding school transport will be sent via post during the summer holidays direct from Somerset Council.

5.00pm Presentation

Manor Court
Avishayes
Redstart

5:45pm Presentation

Buckland St Mary	Combe St Nicholas
Ashill	Tatworth
Herne View	Neroche
Chardstock St Andrews	and all other primary schools

Uniform

Price and Buckland sell the Holyrood Academy branded items that students must have. To purchase these items please go to <https://price-buckland.co.uk/>. Pre-loved uniform can also be purchased from the Chard Community Hub.

Transition Enquiries

Mrs S Rose is our Primary Transition Co-ordinator. She works closely with our feeder primary schools. Please contact her in the first instance with any transition queries. She can be reached via email on srose@holyrood.bep.ac

SEND Conversation

If you have any specific questions related to SEND provision please call the school directly on 01460 260100 to speak to Mrs K Wilson or Mrs C Grice.

Free School Meals

Students attending Holyrood Academy, whose parents/carers receive certain benefits, may be entitled to free school meals. At secondary schools it is the responsibility of the parents/carers to apply for Free School Meals for their children by completing an application form via the link below. Somerset County Council will process applications and communicate directly with the applicant.

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/school-life/free-school-meals/>

Big Step Summer School

Summer school is an excellent way to build confidence and familiarise your child with the Holyrood routines. This year it will run from August 17th – 21st. Please visit the Transition tab on our website for more details.

Student Information Forms

We are moving away from paper forms and will be using the Arbor Parent App to collect your information. Within the next couple of weeks please look out for a welcome email (please remember to check your junk folder) from Holyrood Academy inviting you to download the Arbor Parent App and set up an account. Once you have access to the Arbor Parent app you can check, amend and add yours and your child's personal information along with granting parental consents. There are some things that are not collected on the app and a short Microsoft form will therefore also be emailed to you to complete the gaps in information. If you would prefer a paper copy of this form please contact Mrs Such lsuch@holyrood.bep.ac who will be able to provide you with a copy.

If you have any concerns or queries about any aspect of this information, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



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