

Dear Parent/Guardian

I do hope this letter finds you and your families well. We are determined to do everything we can to help prepare Year 6 for a successful transition to Saint Benedict Catholic Academy and these events will form the core of our work.

Year 6 Induction Days

These will take place on **Tuesday 4th and Thursday 6th July** and will give the students an opportunity to familiarise themselves with Saint Benedict Academy and start to meet some of the staff they will work with next year. We have a carefully planned series of activities that will allow your child to experience as much as possible within these two days.

Timing of the day – 8.35am-3.00pm

Pupils must arrive at school for **8.35am** where they will be welcomed by their form tutor and escorted to our morning meeting area, which is the Astroturf. From here, they will line up in their new tutor groups and be welcomed by their Head of Year, Miss Difusco, before starting the day of tutor led activities. The following day will consist of more time with their form tutor, alongside a variety of lessons and wider school experiences. We will be working together over both days to prepare the pupils for their very first Year Group Liturgy led by our school chaplain, which will take place at the end of the final day.

Students should wear their Primary School Uniform on both days, with appropriate footwear. They should also bring their pencil case with them as well as a water bottle. Mobile Phones are not allowed to be used or seen during the school day at Saint Benedict. If students bring a mobile with them, it must be turned off and at the bottom of their bag.

Traveling to school

By Bus - Pupils can travel to school via the designated school bus should they wish. The timetables for all our buses can be found in the transition packs sent home or on the school website. Pupils will **travel free** on these two days. Pupils must be wearing their current school uniform and simply state that they are Year 6 when catching the bus. There will be a number of our current Saint Benedict students acting as Year 6 ushers on each bus to support students. They can be identified by the blue lanyards they will be wearing. Those traveling on the school buses will be met directly from the bus and directed to the Astroturf.

By Car - If you are arriving by car, please drop children off on the left-hand side of the drive as you approach the bus bays. Parents can then turn back around in the bus bay area and head back down the drive offsite. **Please do not wait on the bus bays in cars** as this will be busy and space is required for the buses entering.

Walking/Cycling - If you are arriving by foot or on bike, please make your way to the bus bays where staff will be able to direct you onwards to the meeting location.

There are videos available of the school transition page to help familiarise yourself with the arrival routines. [Transition Information - Saint Benedict, A Catholic Voluntary Academy \(srscmat.co.uk\)](https://www.srscmat.co.uk/transition-information-saint-benedict-a-catholic-voluntary-academy)

Lunchtime

For lunchtime and break time we ask all students to bring a packed lunch. Free School Meals will be provided for those students who are eligible. **There will be no facility to purchase a school lunch on the transition days.**

Collection at end of the day

If you are collecting your child at the end of the school day, please be aware the school gates remain closed until 3.15pm to allow time for the buses to leave site safely. Parents are to remain outside the school gates until this time. Pupils will be permitted to leave once the school buses are safely off site.

Yours sincerely

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