



Toynbee School

7th March 2022

Dear Parents,

I am delighted that you have chosen Toynbee Secondary School for the next phase in your child's education. Our high academic expectations and excellent pastoral support will help your child to fulfil their full potential. In addition, the range of educational experiences and extra-curricular activities offer opportunities to extend and develop skills and talents beyond the classroom. We hope that through close partnership and mutual support, your child will enjoy learning at Toynbee and achieve their personal best over the coming years.

With the valued input of our primary school colleagues, we shall be forming tutor groups that reflect the full range of personal and intellectual abilities and talents. Pupils from all our feeder schools will be placed in tutor groups according to the above criteria, together with some others from their school or current class. Experience has shown that greater sociability within the group is developed if we do not rigidly adhere to established friendship groups. These can be maintained through mixing at break, lunchtime and after school. The first few days are an opportunity to help each other through new experiences and pupils quickly find their feet and make new friends.

So that we can keep you in close touch with transition to Toynbee, we are asking all parents to complete the data collection form which can be accessed via the Toynbee website: <https://www.toynbee.hants.sch.uk/yr-6-transition> by Friday 6th May 2022. By completing the data collection form, you are confirming you accept the place at Toynbee for your child.

This year we are offering Spanish and French to our Year 7 pupils. If you have a request for a particular language, please contact Theresa Morris on 023 80252145 or email t.morris@toynbee.hants.sch.uk by Friday 6th May 2022, and we will do our best to ensure that we place your child in that language preference.

We are currently reviewing our Transition programme and will be in contact with you to confirm future events. Please be assured that key Toynbee staff will be in close contact with Year 6 teachers, and we will do everything we can to make sure your child's progression to secondary school is as smooth as possible. Details regarding Year 6 Transition arrangements including the curriculum and ethos of the school, together with our expectations of all pupils will follow as part of a further update later in the term. The Transition page of our website also contains further information that will help your child settle at Toynbee.

<https://www.toynbee.hants.sch.uk/yr-6-transition>

All our staff are really looking forward to welcoming your child to Toynbee School and supporting them towards achieving their 'Personal Best'. In addition, we always value the close working relationship we have with all our parents and I look forward to meeting you as soon as we are able to. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Longden
Headteacher