



# Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School

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Dear Parents/Carers and our new Year 7 Pupils

As we enter the final few weeks of the academic year we thought we would update you with some information relating to the transition process for your child moving to BHGS in September 2021. Please excuse the length of the letter, but we thought it would be useful for you to hear about our plans to ensure that your child makes a successful and smooth transition to secondary school.

We are also very aware that both parents/carers and pupils alike may still be anxious about the transition in the current climate.

## Contact with our feeder Primary Schools

Over the next few weeks, we will be meeting with our feeder primary schools and also reading pupil transition forms about each pupil carefully. This will allow us to learn more about every individual pupil joining us in September. It has also been a pleasure to read the information from the Year 6 teachers and learn about our new pupils, their needs and what they excel at. This will allow us to build up a good picture of all the pupils due to join us in September, how they learn and what they enjoy doing both at home and at school.

## Form Tutor Groups

Using the information, we have started to put together the Year 7 form tutor groups. The pupils will find out their Tutor group when they start in September. However we will be sending you some information about our 5 brilliant Year 7 Form Tutors before then. The tutor group will also indicate which House a pupil is in - Austen, Franklin, Hadid, Parr or Seacole.

## Year 7 Transition Day - 8th July 2021 (8:45am to 2pm)

We are really pleased that we are, at time of writing, able to have our Transition Day in July. When collecting your child from the school at the end of the day we will be hosting a Nearly New Uniform Sale with our PA. Our new catering company will also be available at this time offering a range of refreshments. We look forward to meeting you.

**"This is an OUTSTANDING school" - Ofsted 2016**



### Introduce yourself to your Form Tutor project

We also want to give you the chance to introduce yourself to your Form Tutor in advance of starting at BHGS. To help you do this we have designed a 'Postcard for my Form Tutor'. This short writing task is designed to allow you, as pupils, to personally write a short piece on the postcard to your Form Tutor. This can include information about you, your hobbies, your favourite memories from primary school and how you feel about studying a wider range of subjects. You may also want to include a section on what you have done during the lockdowns and how you have felt. We have also included a top 3 reading log section where you can tell us about the books you are reading/have read over the past few months. Details on this project will be available to you on the website.

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### Pupil Transition Booklet 2021-2022

In addition to meeting the pupils at their primary schools, we have put together a Pupil Transition Booklet which we hope will cover a lot of the questions that we hear when we do our school visits. We hope your child enjoys reading this and completing the transition activities and competitions at the back of the booklet.

### Information for New Parents/Carers Booklet 2021-2022

You will receive the Information for New Parents/Carers booklet which contains a wealth of useful information about us and starting Secondary School life at BHGS at the end of the New Intake Day on Thursday 8th July 2021.

### Library Competition & Reading List

Our school library is an amazing place and we are keen for our pupils to continue their reading through the Summer holiday. So our School Librarians have put together a brilliant reading list for the pupils to have a look at plus a great competition to design a bookmark for the library. Try to encourage your child to get involved and win some of their first House Points when they start in September.

### Free School Meals

If your child is currently entitled to free school meals, you should contact Hertfordshire County Council's Education Benefits Team between 27th July and 1st September by telephone on 0300 123 4048 or via email – [howcanwehelp@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:howcanwehelp@hertfordshire.gov.uk) and notify them that your child will be moving to BHGS from September. If they are still entitled to free school meals this will ensure they continue to receive free school meals when they join us.

Finally, can we encourage you to follow us on any of our three social media platforms or our school website. This will allow your child and the family to keep up to date with all that is happening here at BHGS.



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If you have any questions that need answering please do not hesitate to contact any of us at school.

Yours sincerely

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