

Transition to Secondary School

Our school is a designated feeder school for King Alfred's Academy, the local secondary school to which students transfer into Year 7 located in the heart of the community in Wantage.

King Alfred's website can be accessed via www.kaacademy.org

The Admissions Page can be accessed via <http://www.kaacademy.org/about-kas/admissions/>

Arriving at any new school can seem daunting, so from well before the end of Year 6 pupils will have their places confirmed and we work with the transition team at King Alfred's Academy (KAA) to ensure that your child will feel part of King Alfred's, even before they apply for their place. In the year before pupils make the transition, they might be involved in or attend:

- King Alfred's Open Evening
- Drama productions
- Sports events with King Alfred's staff visiting, or held at King Alfred's
- Lessons with King Alfred's teachers and King Alfred's students visiting primary schools (including year groups other than, and as well as, Year 6)
- Coming to King Alfred's for lessons, special events or extra support
- The Family Evening (2018 dates are 27 and 28 June)
- Visits from the Year 7 Student Manager, Leadership Team, Transition Coordinator and SEND Department
- Taster / Transition Day (a full day at King Alfred's Academy). This will be on Thursday 5 July 2018.
- A variety of Summer Schools

And it doesn't stop when they arrive! On their first day, Year 7 have West Site to themselves, along with the whole Tutor team, teachers, Peer Supporters and other staff on hand to help students find their way around the site and get to their lessons. It is a wonderful day, and just the beginning! An overnight trip to Youlbury follows swiftly and classmates are soon bonded together by the Talent Show, Bin Bag fashion show and a range of fun activities run by the energetic Year 7 staff team.

King Alfred's Transition Coordinator, Ms J Beckley, has long experience in this role, and brings skill and dedication to ensuring that every single new Year 7 student is settled on their first day at King Alfred's by working with us, our pupils and parents, and academy staff throughout the process.

Whilst most children find the whole process of transition exciting and fulfilling, some are always more worried than others. As well as the huge team of West Site staff on hand to lend their support, every tutor group has a dedicated Peer Supporter, a trained Sixth Former who commits to supporting their tutor group on a weekly basis. They are very positive role models and provide huge support as friendships develop and pupils settle into life at the academy. Transition to King Alfred's Academy is an overwhelmingly positive experience and the KAA team will work with every individual pupil and their family to ensure that hopes and expectations are met.