



The Matthew Arnold School

Part of the Bourne Education Trust



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Dear Year 7 Parents and Carers

Year 7 Induction: Thursday and Friday 3rd - 4th September

I know that you have been bombarded with information over the last week! I wanted to write to you as a group before the final weekend of the holidays, just in case there were any final worries.

Mr Scott, Miss Parker and I have now finalised the [Year Induction Programme](#) next Thursday and Friday, and are very much looking forward to seeing you.

Students will need to be in full Matthew Arnold school uniform on Thursday and in Matthew Arnold school PE kit plus school blazer on Friday (please email [Mr Scott](#) if you have had any uniform or kit problems). The reason for the PE kit is that we will be doing PE on the second day and we will not be able to offer COVID-19 safe changing facilities. The reason for wearing blazers as well is to keep children looking smart as they come to school, to identify them as Matthew Arnold students and to make sure no personal hoodies are worn!

Students will also need to bring in [face coverings](#) to wear inside the building in corridors, toilets and other communal areas. Parents, could I ask you to be really strict with yourselves about not grouping too closely about the school gate? I know it goes against the grain on your child's first day at secondary school!

The purpose of these two days is to help them to find their feet before the rest of the school comes back. In addition to getting to know the school building, they will practise routines such as going to lessons, having break and lunch, reading a timetable, using the toilets and much more. They will find out their school email addresses on Thursday, which will become part of everyday life. They will also have the opportunity to complete a survey so that we can get personalised feedback from them.

They will also receive vital training on what we are doing to make sure everyone is as safe as possible while we are all still at risk from COVID-19.

I do hope you are all able to access the '[September return](#)' tab of the school website to answer queries, but I am sure you are also confident that Mr Scott will respond quickly to all messages! Have a lovely weekend, and put any school worries out of your head as far as you can.

With warmest wishes

Mary Gould
Headteacher