



South Shore Academy
BRIGHT FUTURES EDUCATIONAL TRUST



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Dear Parent / Guardian

It gives me great pleasure to welcome your son / daughter to South Shore Academy and I would like to take this opportunity to invite you and your child to a number of events that will help ensure a smooth transition to the Academy.

South Shore Academy is a vibrant and active school community where learning and achievement in their wider sense, are viewed as the core purpose of our work. We will provide a new, exciting, inclusive and engaging curriculum to constantly develop our teaching and associate staff workforce, and create an atmosphere of mutual respect so that we are able to meet the individual needs of our children. Our commitment to you is simple: we strive to ensure that students leaving South Shore Academy will be resilient, proactive and independent learners able to face the challenges of the adult world. In order to achieve this, we need to work in partnership with you and your child to make his or her transition to secondary school as seamless as possible.

Already during this half term and next, our transition team will be visiting all of our partnership primary schools and introducing themselves to the children. Many will be familiar faces as we have already established an extensive network of primary links and many teachers involved in delivering lessons to years 5 and 6. During the summer term and based on information that we have about each child the transition team will organise the children into tutor groups. These are mixed ability groups which usually contain other children known to your child.

Regardless of whether we have worked already in your child's school, our team will certainly be visiting and will offer the children an opportunity to ask any questions and to tell them more about the Academy.

We would like to invite you to our Year 6 parents evening on Wednesday 4th July at 5pm. There will be an opportunity for you to meet with the Head Teacher Mr. Reynolds, the transition team Miss Cheston and Miss Senior and of course your child's form tutor.

In the week commencing 9th July all of our year 6 students will be attending transition week at South Shore Academy. Students will arrive at 9.00am and leave at 2.00pm. Please arrange for the students to be picked up or send a letter advising otherwise. South shore will provide lunch. Students are encouraged to bring a drink for break. Due to the weather being so warm students are allowed to come in their PE kits this week only. This is an excellent opportunity for your child to get to know the school, staff and make friends to put them at ease before starting in September. Throughout the week they will participate in a number of exciting learning activities as well as focusing upon team building and setting our expectations for students at South Shore.





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We are currently working with a number of Primary schools to see if it would be viable to increase the transition hours to help your child fully embed into South Shore Academy ahead of September.

Attached to this letter is a data collection sheet that we would ask you to complete and send into the Academy with your child on the 9th July.

If you have any enquires or questions regarding South Shore Academy please do not hesitate to contact us on the transition email address: transition@ssa.bfet.uk
All of us here at South Shore look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely
Neil Reynolds
Head Teacher

Key dates

- Wednesday 4th July, 5pm Year 6 Evening.
- Week beginning 9th July – Transition week.

