



12<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear parent/carer,

We are still completing our last few visits, but it's been wonderful to meet a large number of your children in their primary schools or to welcome your child into Tor Bridge High for a visit over the last month. They have been full of good questions and a very natural mixture of excitement and some trepidation. I've been so impressed meeting them and their enthusiasm, kindness and ambition has really shone through. We are really looking forward to them being fully part of our school community. We know that the move to secondary school is a big step for parents as well as their children and we don't take for granted the faith and trust you are placing in us.

We have had lots of conversations with Year 6 teachers and SENCOs in your children's schools and have now gathered information which will enable us to prepare and support them as they start Year 7 successfully.

### Induction Days: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

At TBH we provide an exceptional transition offer which includes two Year 7 induction days on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**. These days are designed to support our new Year 7 to begin to get used to the routines and expectations of our school. We also give further time to this in the first few days of term in September. Please note the following:

1. Please drop off or enable your child to arrive at School Reception for 9am (there will be signs and staff to greet you), and collect at 2.30pm from the front of school on both of these dates. Students must be collected by an adult; if alternative arrangements are necessary, please complete this [form](#).
2. Your child should arrive at Tor Bridge in their Primary uniform on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July and in their PE kit on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.
3. They should have their school equipment so will require a bag which should contain a water bottle and a pen and pencil.
4. Please ensure that they come to school with a coat (if it's cold or wet), sun cream (if sunny) and any medication they normally bring to school if appropriate (please register this on arrival with first aid in the library and complete details on this [form](#)).
5. We will offer all of our wonderful **new Year 7 students a free lunch at 1pm on both days**. There will be a choice of food, as per our normal offer. If you want to provide your child with a packed lunch, that is of course fine, and you may want to provide them with a small snack for break. Please ensure they have a water bottle and complete the [form](#) to state if your child has any allergies.

### Welcome Evening



We then look forward to meeting you with your child on the evening of **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** at our New Year 7 Welcome Evening. Please arrive from **4:30pm**. You will be given an envelope when you arrive which will contain some key forms and a welcome booklet. There will be an opportunity to meet your child's tutor and to hear from the Headteacher, Tracy Stephenson, the Head of Year 7, Amanda Cretch and some of our students. Your child will be given their new school tie which we know they will wear with pride. There will be an opportunity to try on, buy or order the rest of the uniform, as below:

Tor Bridge High Compulsory Uniform
Fitted jacket (Trutex) <a href="https://www.trutex.com/">https://www.trutex.com/</a>
Tor Bridge High approved school skirt or school trousers (see School website for acceptable materials, style etc.)
White school shirt shirts
Tie (this will be provided free of charge on the evening of Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July)
Plain black polished shoes
PE polo shirt (KitWorld) <a href="https://kitworld.uk/product-category/school-clubs/torbridge-high-pe/">https://kitworld.uk/product-category/school-clubs/torbridge-high-pe/</a>

We know as a school that students have a more successful transition and feel a greater sense of belonging when we work in partnership with parents/carers at this early stage. This initial visit to TBH is crucial in order to reassure and support your child's next step in their educational journey and we look forward to welcoming you all to this important evening.

**If you cannot attend on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**, please contact the school to arrange an alternative time as your child will be unable to start without completing the required welcome paperwork and receiving their TBH tie.

### Finding Information

If you haven't already, please do visit the Transition section of our website to view our welcome video and find out more about transition to Tor Bridge High. This letter and all of our key communications and information, including our Handbook which contains lots of useful information, will be accessible here. You can view this by following this link: <https://www.torbridge.net/transitions>.

Please do read through this carefully to check you are clear and happy with our routines and expectations, and also our commitment to you.

We will be in touch again after the induction days and welcome evening to clarify arrangements for the first few transition days in September, but please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns:

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Deputy Head and Transitions lead: [joconnell@torbridge.net](mailto:joconnell@torbridge.net)

Thank you, already, for your support. We very much look forward to spending time with our new intake shortly.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James O'Connell', written in a cursive style.

James O'Connell  
Deputy Head