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Dear parents/carers of future Year 12s,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new Year 12 students to the School in September. In advance of this significant new step in their education journey, we would like to invite all students with a confirmed place in Reading School Sixth Form to join us for a series of transition and settling in activities, in order to make the move into Sixth Form life as smooth as possible.

We hope this will be a useful week for all students, even if they have attended Reading School for a number of years already. It is very important for all students to feel comfortable in the School and it may be just as useful for returning students as new students to understand the differing expectations of Sixth Form life. Equally, if students are joining us from another school, this may be the first opportunity they will have had to visit the School, which is also likely to be very valuable.

The schedule for the week is published below and it is designed in order to give students both a flavour of academic life at the School, but more importantly to provide some opportunities for some social interaction with their new peers and for familiarisation with how the Sixth Form runs in advance of September.

Please pay close attention to the timetable as the start times for some days are slightly different and certain students are required for different sessions. Notably, new arrivals to the School are coming in earlier on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June, so they have the chance to tour the School site, and only Maths students are required on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June.

It would be very helpful if all students could complete the Form below so we have a clear idea of how many students to expect for the Transition Week. It should only take a few seconds to complete.

#### [Transition Week Attendance Form](#)

If your child is due to be a boarder for Sixth Form, they have also been invited to join us for an overnight stay in boarding, on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June, staying until Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. This will be a great opportunity to get to experience boarding life before starting in September. Please could you fill out this Form in order to indicate if they will be joining us for this stay. More information will be sent to any students who express interest in this.

#### [Boarding Overnight Stay Form](#)

In addition to this Transition Week, the School have also created a programme of bridging work to prepare students for their A-level studies. The bridging work document is linked below. All students starting Sixth Form study at Reading School are expected to complete the designated bridging work for their chosen subjects in advance of their A-level studies, so that they are ready to hit the ground running in September. Please ensure this document is passed to students so that they can begin work on this promptly. The bridging work document can be found here:

#### [Reading School Bridging Work for Year 11 joining Sixth Form](#)

We look forward to seeing our new Sixth Form students in June for the Transition Week.

Kind regards,

Mr A Lloyd  
Head of Sixth Form  
Reading School

Schedule for Transition Week – Week Commencing 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021

Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> June		Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June		Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June		Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> June		Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	
9:00am	All students who are new to the School arrive for a brief hello and tour of the site	9:00am	Integration activity organised by Year 13s	All day	All students at home doing bridging work / preparing for their Maths Collection	1:30pm	Maths and Further Maths Collection Exam (1 hour)  This assessment is for all students who do Maths and/or Further Maths only. The purpose of this assessment is to appropriately allocate sets for the coming academic year	9:00am	Unifrog Introduction
10:00am	All students who are returning to the School arrive to join the new students for a whole cohort talk with the Sixth Form Team and Headmaster	10:30am	Break					10:00am	Information session on Sixth Form Study Skills and Academic Support at Reading School
11:00am	Break	11:00am	Block A subject taster session					11:00am	For students returning to Reading School, this is the end of the day. For students new to Reading School, this is break
11:30am	Form time. A chance to meet the tutors and to mix with students who will be in their form next year	11:45am	Block B subject taster session					11:30am	All new students get an introduction to the Reading Way. They are then taken for an off-site leadership activity
12:30pm	Lunch – Please bring a packed lunch	12:30pm	Lunch – Please bring a packed lunch					11:30am	
1:30pm	Activity on the front field	1:15pm	Block C subject taster session					11:30am	
3:00pm	End of the day and departure	2:00pm	Block D subject taster session					3:30pm	End of the day and departure
		2:45pm	End of the day and departure						

On each day, students should arrive promptly for their first session. They should meet in the Chapel at the start of the day unless told otherwise.

Students are not expected to wear school uniform. They should wear comfortable clothes, suitable for the activities on the day.

Students will need materials to write down any key information over the course of the week.