



Noadswood

Fit for learning, fit for life

Transition

We aim to make the move to the “big school” as easy and natural as possible. We organise festivals, master classes and competitions for children in our linked schools from as early as Year 1 in order to get them used to the surroundings and the people. Our pupils also visit Primary schools to take part in joint projects, work as sports leaders and help with paired reading.

We run a STEM challenge for all Year 5 pupils giving them the opportunity to work on a series of challenges throughout the day using our specialist Science and Technology facilities.

“The behaviour of students and their attitudes create a positive and supportive environment where young people can thrive, confident that they are safe and well looked after”

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Our House Leaders make regular visits to feeder schools in order to get to know the pupils well before they arrive at Noadswood. We liaise closely with Primary colleagues in order to be able to meet the needs of each individual. Towards the end of Year 6 pupils spend a Moving Up day at Noadswood having some lessons, getting to know the environment and most importantly meeting their new tutor and tutor group.

As well as a Moving Up day, we hold a Welcome event for Year 6 pupils where they spend an evening at Noadswood mixing with friends from their current primary school and meeting the Year 6s from our other feeder schools. Each year we try to do something a bit different; last year the Year 6s were treated to a BFG banquet and performance!

Transition is also a key time for parents; in fact, parents are often more nervous about the move to secondary school than their children. So we aim to involve parents much as possible,

"I see all kinds of school and if they were all like Noadswood our education system would be the envy of the world!"

Stewart Ross, Author

particularly during their child's first year with us. In the autumn term, we hold a parent/tutor evening; an opportunity to both meet the tutor and learn a bit more about your child's life at Noadswood. We also offer a 'Parent and Child Learning Evening' when, with your child, you can take part in some typical lessons. Later in the school year there is an opportunity to meet your child's subject teachers while at the end of the school year there is a further chance to meet the tutor to discuss your child's overall performance during Year 7.

The House Leaders play a key role in your child's time at Noadswood. House Leaders for Guidance have a responsibility for care, guidance and support and they will liaise closely with you to address any individual needs for the duration of your child's time at Noadswood.

