

We understand the value and importance of Transition for each child joining us. To support our class of 2029 on their journey, we have developed our exciting Transition Programme which is detailed below:

Transition Email Address

To aid effective communication and to ensure that no email gets lost, there is a dedicated contact point specifically for transition-related matters (transition@penistone-gs.uk). The inbox will be monitored daily, and we aim to respond to any query within 2 working days.

Transition Booklet

This has been enclosed in the Welcome Pack. Our Transition Booklet outlines all the practicalities for Transition and is a one-stop shop for everything Transition related including our Core Values, uniform, and key contacts.

Section of Website

We have a dedicated Transition section on our website (<https://penistone-gs.uk/transition/>) which includes our Transition Booklet and welcome video from Mr Crook and Mrs Crook. We will regularly update this site with all correspondence and event materials, so all parents have access to all information shared.

Home School Agreement / Data Collection

To enable us to capture all information about our Class of 2029, we will be sending out a Microsoft Form that we will require all parents/carers to complete. This will be emailed out towards the end of March to the email address supplied at the time of application.



We have a dedicated X account (@TransitionPGS) where we will share updates. Posts to be marked with #PGSClassof2029.

Virtual Welcome Meeting

An initial meeting to welcome students and their parents/carers to our learning community. Here we will share our Core Values and give further details of our Transition Programme. The link to join the presentation will be on our website homepage and will also be sent by email to the email address supplied at the time of application.

Date:

Monday 15th April 2024 – 6.00pm

Transition 'Take Off'

To fully engage our new students in their transition to PGS, students will have received the Transition Take Off booklet in the Welcome Pack. This booklet includes various challenges for students to complete which will not only help them get to know their new school, but also help us get to know them. Students will receive merits for completing the challenges, if students receive the required number of merits, they will have the opportunity to attend a Transition reward event that will be held in the Autumn Term.

Primary Visits

Mrs Crook and the Transition team will visit local Primary Schools. These visits are a great opportunity for students to gain a deeper understanding of PGS and take part in a Q&A session. This presentation will also be shared with parents and accessible via our website.

Dates:

Between April and May 2024



Early Lead Professional Involvement

For those students with additional needs for a range of different reasons, it is our aim to understand the support needed to be in place to ensure that all our students can succeed. To do this, we will work together with the support of parents/carers and Primary schools.

Team Building Afternoons

For students who are joining PGS on their own or in a smaller group, there will be the opportunity to come to PGS to take part in optional Team Building Afternoons. These additional afternoons will allow these students to build relationships with other students who are sharing a similar experience. These afternoons are by invitation only and we will send out invitations closer to the date.

PGS Bootcamp

This year we are pleased to introduce our PGS Bootcamp. The Bootcamp will be a three-day experience providing an opportunity for students to really get a taste of what being a student at Penistone Grammar School is really like.

During Day One students will be with friends from their Primary Schools and will focus on the logistics of being a student at Penistone.

On Day Two, students will build on their learning during Day One and will experience 'A Day in the Life of a PGS Student'.

Day Three will be an opportunity for us to capture comprehensive data about our students which will help our teaching staff to have a thorough and detailed knowledge about students and their individual learning styles from the first day of the new academic year. Students will also find out their Mentor Groups and will spend Day Three with their Mentor Group getting to know their new fellow students.

Dates:

Tuesday 2nd July 2024

Wednesday 3rd July 2024

Thursday 4th July 2024

Primary Meetings and Moderation Events

Meetings will take place with each Primary School with their Year 6 teacher(s) and SENDCO, as appropriate to discuss each child in detail. Primary School colleagues will be invited to moderate and share examples of their students' work, so we have accurate starting points and flight paths for students.

Dates:

From March 2024

SEND/HeartSpace and Vulnerable Student Additional Transition Visits

For those students who may have special educational needs, disabilities or need extra support with Transition, we will be facilitating additional Transition visits. These afternoons are by invitation only and we will send out invitations closer to the date.

Virtual Parents' Evening

An opportunity to absolutely understand the logistics, from uniform purchases to what happens at lunchtime. This meeting will be held virtually, and the presentation will also be recorded and available on our website for reference.

Date:

Monday 8th July 2024 at 6.00pm

Contact Details

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