

The Calder Learning Trust

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Calder High School! We are delighted that your child has been allocated a place at our school and look forward to welcoming them to the Calder family in September 2026. Outlined below are details of just some of the many ways in which we hope to make the transition to secondary school as enjoyable and trouble free as possible. Please note that all dates are correct at the time of sending but may, in rare instances, be subject to change.

In a few weeks we will be sending you another communication regarding signing up for Arbor, the Management Information System used by the school. We would ask you to do this and review/amend the information we have been passed on about your child by their primary school. Should you be unable to complete this online task, paper copies are available by emailing a request to transition@calderlearningtrust.com

An important part of the transition process involves our Calder Roadshow. This is when the Head of Year 7 will visit our feeder primary schools with a few of our current Year 7 students and a member of our Senior Leadership Team. The purpose of this visit is for Year 6 students to ask us questions about life in Year 7 and any aspect of the transition process that may concern them. These visits will take place throughout the months of May and June.

Our Parent/Student Welcome Evening will be held on **Thursday 2 July**. This is an opportunity for you to find out as much as you can about us and to meet the Year 7 form tutors, our Pastoral team, and members of the Senior Leadership Team. During the evening there will be a rolling programme of talks, displays and refreshments in various parts of the school. To give you the most time and the best opportunity to meet staff, we are splitting the evening into three 'repeat performances'. The first session at 5.45pm and will take place for the parents of students with surnames beginning with letters A-G. The second session starting at 6.30pm will be for parents of students with surnames beginning with the letters H-O and the last at 7.15pm will be for parents of students with surnames beginning with the letters P-Z. We very much encourage both you and your child to attend our Welcome Evening event. It is a great opportunity to meet some of the staff who will be supporting your child through the next 5 years, and to learn more about all that Calder has to offer. If you have any accessibility requirements, please email rsutcliffe@calderlearningtrust.com in advance of the evening.

Another important event is our Year 6 Student Discovery Day on **Friday 3 July**. During the course of the day, students will take part in a range of ice-breaker activities with their new tutor group and experience what subject lessons are like at secondary school. In addition, all students will have a chance to sample our tasty school catering as they will be entitled to a free school lunch in the Diner.

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Another transition event we would very much encourage you to attend is the PTA family House Quiz run by our Student Parliament on **Tuesday 7 July** at 6pm. This is an ideal opportunity for new students and parents to meet each other in an informal setting. Please bring some money to buy refreshments from the PTA stall (cash only!).

Our ever-popular Summer School will take place from **Monday 17 August to Wednesday 19 August**. This is a very good way for children to have fun at the end of the holiday and make new friends. A further communication will be sent to you in the next few weeks, giving more details and costings.

In terms of the first day of the Autumn term, we have a staggered start at the beginning of the school year. The first day of term for Year 7 students will be **Thursday 3 September**. We are very much looking forward to seeing our new intake looking smart in their uniform that day and ready to begin their Calder journey. Staff will be at the front of school to greet them at 8.25am.

Finally, we realise that moving on to secondary school can be both an exciting and daunting time for all concerned, but we hope we can work with you to make the process as seamless as possible. In the meantime, if you would like to find out more about the transition process please do log onto our website for further information.

We look forward to meeting both you and your child soon.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Washington
Associate Deputy Headteacher

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