



Atlantic Academy Portland

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Dear <<Salutation>> <<Parent Surname>>

Transition to Atlantic Academy

We are delighted that you have chosen to continue <<Forename>> education at Atlantic Academy and look forward to welcoming << Forename>> into the Secondary phase in our fantastic school. Our transition teachers have already started working closely with < Forename> and their current Year 6 teacher, gaining vital information to make the transition as smooth as possible, and will provide additional transition support for children where this has been identified as beneficial.

To support the transition of <<Forename>> during this time, I am enclosing some important information and links to follow to fill in required forms:

- 1) Uniform information for Secondary students at Atlantic Academy
- 2) [Home School Agreement](#) and [IT Usage Policy](#)
- 3) [Free School Meals Entitlement](#)
- 4) Virtual Transition Information Evening: 6th July 2021
- 5) Transition Day: 6th July 2021
- 6) [Atlantic Academy New Student Entry Form](#)
- 7) Summer School
- 8) First Day at Atlantic

1) Uniform for secondary students at Atlantic Academy: The following essential items of uniform are only available from the Academy uniform suppliers - [Brigade Schoolwear](#).

- Blazer (with logo)
- Tie (with faculty colour)
- Jumper (with logo)
- PE Polo shirt (with logo)

Please order <<Forename>>'s uniform with plenty of time to spare.

Trousers, shirts and PE shorts can be purchased at any retail outlet of your choosing, providing they are in line with the required uniform. If girls wish to wear a skirt, they must be a knee length, black tailored pencil skirt, that can have a small split or vent in the middle, at the back. Jersey tube, lycra or similar tight fitting skirts and other styles of skirt are not permitted, but girls may wear proper tailored school trousers. Full details of our uniform policy can be found here on our website: [Uniform Policy](#).

2) [Home School Agreement](#): This is the agreement between the Academy, home and <<Forename>> which needs to be read through with <<Forename>>. Please click on the link and complete a brief form which we will accept as the signed agreement between the Academy, <<Forename>> and home.

3) [Free School Meals Entitlement](#): If you believe <<Forename>> may be eligible for Pupil Premium Free School Meals, please follow the above link and apply if appropriate. The application only takes a couple of minutes and all you need is your National Insurance Number. If you need any assistance with this, please contact Miss Fowler zfowler@atlantic-aspirations.org. Applying for free school meals does not affect any of your other benefit entitlements.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support



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- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit; this is as long as you're not entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual gross income is no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' payment (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit: this is as long as your household income is less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

4) Virtual Transition Information Evening Tuesday 6th July 2021: We are inviting all Year 6 parents and carers to virtually access our transition information evening presentation being held on Tuesday 6th July 2021. Please complete the form to register your intention to attend, [Google form](#), the link will be emailed out in due course. The virtual information evening presentation includes:

- An opportunity for you to virtually meet with the Academy Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and Extended Leadership Team (ESLT) so that you can put a face to the name
- Find out more about what this transition will mean for you and << Forename >>.
- Direct you to what support is available.

The focus will be to ensure that you are very clear about the expectations of the Academy and the start of the academic year. This is a great opportunity to begin our partnership to give << Forename >> the very best education. **Your attention to this presentation is very important to ensure that you and <<Forename >> are fully informed and prepared for the start of Year 7.**

5) Transition Day

As you know from my previous correspondence, <<Forename >> Transition Day is Tuesday 6th July 2021. We will provide an opportunity for <<Forename >> to spend a day with us at Atlantic Academy when they will learn more about life at Atlantic, understand our expectations and take part in a range of activities. More details of this event will follow nearer the time.

6) Completion of New Student Entry Form (see above)

7) Summer School

We are hoping to deliver a summer school at Atlantic Academy, for two weeks, 9th and 16th August. This will focus on the transition of new Year 7s and also include current Year 7s who will have had the transition process disrupted by the pandemic and cycle of lockdowns.

The dates have yet to be finalised but will be around mid-August and activities will be a mixture of academic and activities designed to boost wellbeing and community spirit. A barbecue involving the students, their families and staff is pencilled in for the last day. The focus on transition allows us to create a strong foundation for children and their academic journey.

If you wish your child to take part in this opportunity, please complete the [Google form here](#) to express your interest and further information will be emailed to you nearer the time.

8) Year 7 First Day at Atlantic Academy

Friday 3rd September 2021 will be the first day of term for Year 7 and they will be the only year group on site to enable them to settle in. Further details will be provided nearer the time.

If you have any queries relating to <<Forename >> 's transition, please go to our [website](#) and follow the link 'Transition', or you can follow [this link](#). We look forward to working with you and <<Forename >> at Atlantic Academy.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Lesley Bishop Principal of Secondary