

Idsall School

Idsall School and Sixth Form

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted that your child has been allocated a place at Idsall School for September 2025. May we take this opportunity to welcome you, especially if you are new parents to the school. We look forward to working together for the benefit of the students and hope that the coming years will be happy and successful ones for your child. I am writing to share some information with you regarding key parts of the Year 6 to 7 transition process this year.

Uniform Evening

In order to give you the opportunity to purchase blazers and uniform in preparation for the new academic year, we have arranged for our uniform suppliers to be in school on Tuesday 6th May between 4-6pm. They will be on hand to assist with fittings and any other uniform queries, as will Mrs Reeve, Head of Year 7.

Our uniform suppliers, Baker & Sons and Lads and Lasses, have black blazers with black linings in all sizes, which include the compulsory school badge professionally embroidered. You are welcome to purchase a black blazer with black lining from any supplier you wish, however, the Idsall School logo badge would need to be purchased from school and sewn onto the left chest pocket. Please note – uniform is purchased on the night, and payment can be made by cash or card.

On the uniform evening, we will be selling scientific calculators which are required to provide the functionality needed in maths and science classes. We appreciate that this is an additional cost in preparing for secondary school and would like to make you aware that by using our bulk purchasing opportunity we can supply our recommended calculator, the Casio fx83gtx cw, which meets the specification accepted by the exam boards, for £11.00. In addition, the sew-on badges needed to be added to a plain black blazer are supplied by school at a cost of £2.00. Please note payment for the calculator and badge are cash only.

Our uniform tie can only be purchased through school at a cost of £3.25; they will be available to buy on the Parent Induction Evening once the pupils have been arranged into houses and tutor groups. Older designs of the tie are not part of our uniform policy and may not be worn.

Parent Evening and Induction Days

On Monday 30th June and Tuesday 1st July, Year 6 pupils are invited to spend both days at Idsall School as the final part of their induction process. Further information will follow prior to the days – but please be aware that these will be full school days (8:50 until 3:15pm), and parents/carers will need to make arrangements for transport to and from school on those days – the school buses will not be available for Year 6 pupils to use.

On the evening of Monday 30th June, parents and carers are invited into school to meet the Year 7 tutors for a brief chat, ahead of September. Again, further details will be provided nearer to the time. This will be the most appropriate time for you to ask specific questions relating to your childs commencement at Idsall School and to convey any specific information relating to your child directly to their tutor. We will send you more details about the Induction Day and Evening closer to the day, but in the meantime, our school website provides a great deal of valuable information about the school in general - (www.idsallschool.org).



Admission forms will need to be completed at the Uniform Evening, and we ask that they are completed in full. If you are unable to attend the Uniform Evening, please contact the school so we can provide you with a copy of the form for you to complete. All forms need to be handed into school by Monday 2nd June at the very latest.

Further vital information such as lockers, music lessons, uniform details, equipment lists can be found by visiting our dedicated Year 7 transition page of the Idsall School website, here https://www.idsallschool.org/year-6-to-7-transitions/. Please do ensure you look at and read this promptly.

We are intending to visit our main feeder primary schools this year, to talk to the students face to face. We will also be contacting every feeder primary school, to request some information from your child's current teacher, in order to ensure a smooth transition.

We are very pleased that you have chosen Idsall School, and we look forward to meeting you soon. In the meantime, if you have any important questions or concerns – please send them for the attention of Mrs Reeve to jennie.reeve@ids.mmat.co.uk.

Yours faithfully,

Ms M King Mrs J Reeve

Headteacher Transition Lead/Head of Year 7

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