



BYRCHALL HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Congratulations on your child's offer of a place at Byrchall High School!

We are delighted to welcome you and your child to the Byrchall family. It was lovely to meet so many of you at our Friendship Day event, and we hope you enjoyed the experience. We'll be sharing highlights and footage from the day on our transition webpage, social media channels very soon, so please do follow us on Facebook, X (Twitter) and Instagram to keep up to date with school life and celebrate our students' achievements. As we look ahead to September, we are excited to support your child through a smooth and positive transition to secondary school. Over the coming months, we have planned a range of events designed to help your child feel confident, make new friends, and get to know our staff and school routines. Please find the key dates below for your diary.

Key Dates for Your Diary

- Saturday 14th March - **Friendship Day** – Welcome event for students who have been offered a place, with parents/carers
- Thursday 7th May | 4.00pm – 6.00pm - **Curriculum Evening 1** – First taster evening for Year 6 students who have accepted their place (students only)
- Thursday 21st May | 4.00pm – 6.00pm - **Curriculum Evening 2** – Second taster evening for Year 6 students (students only)
- Tuesday 23rd June - **Transition Afternoon & Evening** – Students meet their Form Tutors during the afternoon; parents/carers are invited to attend an important transition meeting in the evening
- Week commencing 20th July - **Summer School** – A two-week programme of transition activities (students attend one week)

Curriculum Taster Evenings

These evenings will be your child's first opportunity to visit Byrchall after school. They will take part in lesson activities, meet staff, and begin to get to know their new year group.

- Drop-off and collection will be from the school office
- Booking will be via Eventbrite after the Easter holidays
- A reminder and booking details will be sent to you by email

Transition Afternoon & Evening – Tuesday 24th June

This is a key event for both students and parents/carers. During the afternoon, students will spend time with their Form Tutor, take part in transition activities, and learn more about our school values. In the evening, parents/carers will have the opportunity to meet senior staff and Form Tutors, find out more about life at Byrchall, and ask any questions. We strongly encourage all families to attend. Students should be collected after the evening meeting.

Summer School 2025

We are delighted to invite your child to attend **one week** of our fully funded Summer School programme. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to build confidence, friendships, and familiarity with the school through a range of fun and engaging activities, including:

- On-site Bushcraft
- A visit to Knowsley Safari Park
- Team-building activities
- Taster lessons and time with Year 7 Form Tutors

Students should bring their own lunch, drinks, and snacks. As **places are limited, early booking is recommended**, and we ask that students can **commit to attending the full week they choose**.

Summer School options:

- Week 1: Monday 20th July – Friday 24th July, 9.00am–3.00pm (2.00pm finish on Friday)
- Week 2: Monday 27th July – Friday 31st July, 9.00am–3.00pm (2.00pm finish on Friday)

Booking details via Eventbrite will be via email post Easter. For Summer School queries, please contact Mrs McGuire at kmcguire@byrchall.wigan.sch.uk.

If you have any questions at all about the transition process, please don't hesitate to contact us via transition@byrchall.wigan.sch.uk or by phone. We are always happy to help.

We would be grateful if you could complete and return to school the data collection sheet at prior to the summer holidays. These can be posted into school if more convenient via **FAO: Transition Team** or handed in directly at the school office.

We can't wait to begin this exciting journey together and look forward to welcoming your child to Byrchall High School.

Yours faithfully,

Katie McGuire

Mrs K McGuire

Transition Lead