



THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD'S BLUECOAT SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Year 7 Transition September 2026 Updates and Reminders

It was lovely to see so many of you on Thursday 2nd July at our Year 7 Transition Evening, I trust you found the evening useful and that many of the questions you may have had linked to your child joining Bishop's in September have now been answered.

Colleagues and I wanted to contact you one final time before the end of term to quickly remind you of some key information prior to the summer break, if at any time you have questions or queries relating to Year 7 transition please do contact the school so we can help.

- **Start of term dates and times**

- The start of term for all students is Thursday 3rd September 2026, students need to arrive on site by 08:45 at the latest, the school day starts at 08:50. The school day finishes at 15:20.
- Please can we take this opportunity to remind you that to support student safety parents and carers should refrain from driving onto the school site. Students can be dropped a short walk from the main entrance gates.

- **Summer school dates**

- Our Year 7 Summer School is scheduled for Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th August, please do register using the link below if your child would like to attend.

[Bishops Summer Fun Activity Days on Wednesday the 26th and Thursday the 27th of August 2026 – Fill out form](#)

- Registration is between 8.45am and 9.00am with activities starting at 9.00am.
- Students should be collected at 3.00pm each day.
- Please arrive with your child on the first day; it is important we confirm any medical needs and how your child will be getting home each day.
- Your child will be registered with their form group, meaning they are with their classmates straight away.
- Students should arrive in active wear consisting of trainers and clothing they can run around in easily. Please do not send children in expensive clothing and label coats and jackets which are likely to be taken off.
- Students will need a packed lunch and a refillable drinks bottle.

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- Students will not be allowed to use electronic devices such as phones or tablets during the day. We cannot accept responsibility for any loss or damage to electronic devices.
- We do ask for a voluntary donation of £20 per day for those families that feel able to help contribute to the running costs.
Please pay by bank transfer to The Bishop of Hereford's Bluecoat School
Sort Code: 30-94-14 Account Number: 02988446
Please reference: Name of student together with 'Fun days.'
- The contact for the Summer Fun dates is Mr Preece and if you have any queries, please contact him on gpreece@bhbs.hereford.sch.uk

- **Uniform and equipment.**

- Full detail relating to our school uniform, including PE attire, are available on our school website.
- Please note that our school shop sources uniform items directly, therefore prices are kept as low as possible.
<https://www.bhbs.hereford.sch.uk/page/?title=Uniform+Expectations+and+School+Shop&pid=74>
- Students will require the following equipment ready for their first day at school: black pens (biro), green pens (biro), pencils, coloured pencils, eraser, glue stick, highlighters, 30 cm ruler, protractor, calculator, reading book.
- Students will require a named refillable water bottle.
- Please ensure all items of uniform and equipment are named.

- **Lunch provided for students – first 2 days of term.**

- A complimentary lunch will be provided for all Year 7 students on the first 2 days of term – Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September. This will ensure that we have sufficient time to enrol Year 7 students onto our biometric payment system.
- Please can you complete the attached link in respect of these complimentary lunches to confirm whether your child will be having a school lunch or bringing a packed lunch on these days. This also includes any dietary requirements.
[Year 7 Lunch Provision Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th September 2026 – Fill out form](#)
- **Please respond by Thursday 16th of July 2026 to assist our catering team.**

- **Start of term updates - please note the following.**

- Details about extracurricular clubs and activities will be shared with all students in the first days and week of term.
- Student timetables will be handed out by form tutors during form time on Thursday 3rd September.
- Students will be issued with their standards card on the first day of term, this needs to be carried in a blazer pocket and must always be available during the school day. The cards are re-issued on a termly basis.

- School photos will take place on Tuesday 8th September. Timings will be scheduled by the school; students will be collected from lessons when necessary.
- Homework, when scheduled, will be available to view in the SIMs Parent App – details linked to this were shared during the transition evening presentations. A link will be sent in September so that you can set this up.

Finally, if you have not yet completed our Year 7 transition information document please can we ask that you do so as a matter of urgency, this will ensure that we have all necessary information for a smooth start in September.

[The Bishop of Hereford's Bluecoat School ADMISSION FORM 2026/27 – Fill out form](#)

I wish you a relaxing and peaceful summer break, we look forward to seeing your child start their secondary school journey with us at Bishop's on Thursday 3rd September 2026 at 08:45.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T Williams', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr T Williams
Headteacher