

Dear Year 6 Parent or Carer

We hope you and your families are well. I am writing with further updates on the transition process for you and your child joining us in September 2021.

I've been meeting with colleagues in the primary schools this week; these are an important part of the process to ensure as smooth a transition as possible to secondary school.

As you probably know we have invited Year 6s to join us in school for a Transition Day on **Friday 2 July**. We will contact you nearer the time with the arrangements for the day.

Save the Date - Year 6 Parents and Carers Meeting 6 July 2021 – we have scheduled a virtual meeting which we hope will be an opportunity for you to ask questions or raise any concerns following the Transition Day. Please save the date in your diary for a virtual meeting on the evening of 6 July between 6pm and 7pm; we will confirm details nearer the date.

In the meantime, we hope you and your child enjoy watching the video messages from Mr Hillier, the Headteacher and other key members of staff.

We also have messages from some of our current Year 7 students and senior students. These videos can be accessed on the [Transition Page](#) of our website.

[**Reminder:** you can access the SLG via the school [website](#) where you can log into the parent pages. You can find the Year 6 pages under Quick Links]

Lockers

We are keen to ensure that all students in Year 7 are allocated a locker within their form area to store books and equipment during their school day. It is customary for students to retain this locker for their five years at Dorothy Stringer. A key deposit of £5.00 is charged in Year 7 and refunded on receipt of the key when students leave. Please see the letter attached for more information; the deadline for deposits is **Friday 30 July**.

School Gateway - Online Payment System

At Dorothy Stringer we use an online payment system for most of our school related purchases, including paying for food and drink in the canteen.

Parents and carers can log on to the system to see and monitor the food that has been purchased. A daily limit of £7 will be set to each account which should be sufficient for when a student might take breakfast, lunch or have an after school extracurricular purchase. If you would like to reduce or increase the daily limit please contact our Catering Manager, Michelle Bradshaw, at michelle.bradshaw@dorothy-stringer.co.uk

Please see letter attached for instructions on how to register for the School Gateway Online Payment System.

If you are unable to make cashless payments please contact our Financial Support Officer (FSO), Sam DeBanks-Hirst, who will be able provide further assistance: email: fso@dorothy-stringer.co.uk

The Dorothy Stringer School Fund

The Dorothy Stringer School Fund exists to raise money to enrich the experiences of every student who comes to the school. We are proud of the huge range of extra-curricular activities that we offer and it is largely thanks to the enormous amount of support time our staff give without charge to deliver these activities. But there are costs to all for which we receive no contribution from our statutory funding. We can only continue to deliver this enriched experience with your support. If you would like to support us you can make a donation to The Dorothy Stringer School Fund by completing the form attached.

Upcoming Events

Artist Open House: Dorothy Stringer is joining the Artist Open House as an online listing this year. Our online gallery will go live on 28 May just log on to our website and follow the link to the Dorothy Stringer AOH. We hope you will enjoy the amazing work our students have been creating over the past year

Dorothy Stringer Summer School: We emailed Year 6 parents and carers on Monday 10 May inviting you to apply for a place on a fully-funded, summer school programme. The deadline is Friday 28 May. If you didn't receive a copy of the email please contact the school.

We will continue to send you regular updates on your child's transition to Dorothy Stringer. If you have any queries, please contact Giles Ward via email to wrd@dorothy-stringer.co.uk

We are very much looking forward to meeting you all.

Yours faithfully

Giles Ward
Head of Lower School