

Year 8

The move from Primary school into Year 8 can be a daunting experience but at Wellington College we aim to make this as smooth a transition as possible for all our new pupils. This begins in June of p7 when The Head of Year 8, Mrs Smyth, and senior teachers Mrs Latimer (Year 8 transition) and Mrs Anderson (SENCO) visit our new intake in their primary schools. This is an opportunity to meet pupils and find out their interests as well as addressing any questions they might have at this stage.

Later in June p7 pupils and their parents come along to the Induction evening to find out more about the College and our expectations and aspirations for our new pupils. This includes talks from the Principal and Head of Year as well as information about Extra Curricular opportunities in Music and Sport. Pupils then have the opportunity to meet their tutor and the rest of their tutor group for some ice breaker activities. The PTA will be on hand on the evening serving tea/coffee and offering their insight as a parent of Wellington College.

At the start of term our new Year 8 have two days which they spend with their tutor to ensure that they settle in as smoothly as possible. A carefully devised induction programme will ensure pupils are informed about 'How we do things at Wellington College'. The form teacher will show them around the school, paying particular attention to the classrooms that they will be using.

The Year 8 Parents Induction meeting in early September will provide useful information for parents on how best they can support their own child in the move from primary school and will provide further information on homework, assessments and communication with the school.



Later on in September a Year 8 Team Building day to the Scout Centre in Crawfordsburn allows pupils and teachers to mix and mingle in a relaxed setting and take part in a range of fun activities.

As the term progresses pupils will report to their tutor room each morning for registration with their tutor and Personal Development.

We encourage our pupils to get involved in the many and varied Extra Curricular Activities on offer in the College and to take advantage of leadership opportunities, such as form and vice Captains, School Council representatives and library monitors even from Year 8.

Good luck to all our new pupils!

