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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your child to the Samuel Whitbread community in September and I wanted to take this opportunity to communicate information about our upcoming and exciting transition events.

Meet the Tutor Events Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th June

You will have been invited to attend one evening based on your child's tutor group and this will give parents/guardians the opportunity to meet the Principal, Head of Year and Tutor. We will provide a presentation and an opportunity to ask questions directly to the year team. We would also ask that parents and guardians familiarise themselves with our new Home School Agreement as this will be discussed and signed during this evening.

Meet the Tutor Evening	Tutor Group	Schedule
Monday 27th June	A - C	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6PM - 6:20PM - Principal & Head of Year Talk• 6:30PM- 7:00PM - Tutor Meeting
Monday 27th June	D - F	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7PM - 7:20PM - Principal & Head of Year Talk• 7:30PM- 8:00PM - Tutor Meeting
Tuesday 28th June	G - K	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6PM - 6:20PM - Principal & Head of Year Talk• 6:30PM- 7:00PM - Tutor Meeting
Tuesday 28th June	L - P	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7PM - 7:20PM - Principal & Head of Year Talk• 7:30PM- 8:00PM - Tutor Meeting

Outside of these times, you are free to explore the uniform sizing rooms, information about transport and to sample food from our canteen, free of charge. **To this end, you are welcome to be onsite anytime between 5:30 and 8pm.**

The uniform suppliers are on site to try on samples for sizing. For ease, feel free to bring along the sizing document so you can make note of the sizes your child needs. **You will not be able to order uniforms at this event;** this is purely to try on items for sizing purposes you will need to order a uniform by **Wednesday 10th August** in order to have the correct uniform for the start of term in September.

There will be information posters and a display for transport. This will not only support for the subsequent subject taster and tutor transition days that week but also for September. Mr Candlin, head of transport, will be in attendance to answer any questions you may have.

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Subject Taster Sessions Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th June

Wednesday 29th June - Out of Catchment Feeder Schools

We will be inviting all year 8 students out of catchment to attend SWA for a series of subject taster sessions from 9:30am till 2:45pm. This will give students the opportunity to meet members of staff and experience lessons at SWA. They will also have an assembly with the year 9 team at the start and end of the day. Students will be required to wear their current school uniform and will need to bring stationary/ a pencil case as well as a snack and packed lunch with them for the day. Students will not be required to have their PE kit.

- Students who currently attend Henlow Academy and Etonbury will be collected via bus from their current school site at 9am.
- Students from all other schools will be required to arrange their own transport to Samuel Whitbread Academy in the morning and students will need to arrive on school site before 9:30am where they will be met by members of staff at the front reception gates.

All year 8 students will then be able to use the Samuel Whitbread buses in order to get home from 2:45pm, or students will be able to walk home. If you need to collect by car, please collect from the road outside the school rather than coming onto the school site.

Please complete the following google form which outlines how your son or daughter will be leaving our transition events. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdL-oITbGPAwesnpRWBdqQoaQz7BKXbU_4nK9z5omrBJjWiXg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Please make sure that all students know which bus they need to catch, at what time and from which bus stop. The [Summary](#) of the bus routes will indicate which route number covers your area, parents can then access the following link to find out what bus their son or daughter will need to use <https://centralbedfordshire.app.box.com/s/t00v152iy1rww7heri5i0jxcxbq8bpg1r> or check the SWA out of catchment bus routes on the school website link below.
[Out of catchment bus routes](#)

Thursday 30th June - Robert Bloomfield Academy

We will be inviting RBA students who are joining us in September to come for a day of subject sessions. Samuel Whitbread Academy will be arranging transport in the morning whereby RBA students will be collected (via coach) from RBA at 9:00am. RBA students will then be given a free bus pass to use the Samuel Whitbread buses in order to get home from 2:45pm, or students will be able to walk home. If you need to collect by car, please collect from the road outside the school rather than coming onto the school site.

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If your son or daughter is from RBA and is attending the sport session at 4:15pm on the 30th June they will be given the option to play tennis on the courts until the additional sport session begins.

Friday 1st July - Tutor Transition Day - All Schools

We will be inviting all Year 8 students joining us in September from 8:20- 14:45 to spend the day with their new tutor and tutor group, allowing them to get to know their new set of peers. There will be a selection of icebreaker and team building activities for them to participate in as well as an assembly with the Head of Year and Principal. Students will be required to wear their current school uniform and will need to bring some stationary and/or a pencil case as well as a snack and packed lunch with them for the day. They will not need their PE kit. We will be asking students to make their own way to and from Samuel Whitbread Academy for that day and year 8 students will be able to access their SWA transport (buses) for this day. They will have travelled home on this bus on their taster days. Please make sure that all students know which bus they need to catch, at what time and from which bus stop. The [Summary](#) of the bus routes will indicate which route number covers your area, parents can then access the following link to find out what bus their son or daughter will need to use <https://centralbedfordshire.app.box.com/s/t00v152iy1rwg7heri5i0jcx bq8bqp1r> or check the SWA out of catchment bus routes on the school website link below.

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We will obtain medical information from the new starter forms that you have submitted to us, however if there has been a change in medical status or condition please alert the Head of Year (Miss A Priano apriano@bestacademies.org.uk) prior to these events.

Kind Regards

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