



21<sup>st</sup> April 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

We would like to take the opportunity to warmly welcome you and your child to the Woodcote High Community; we are very much looking forward to meeting you and your child. We appreciate that transition to secondary school can be a daunting as well as an exciting time for children and their parents/carers. To support you and your child with preparing to join the Woodcote High Community, you will find some of the key information you need to prepare for September below:

**Key Dates:**

<b>W/C 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Primary School Visits to Woodcote, Smitham, Chipstead Valley, Purley Oaks and Foresters.
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Academic Testing Day for all students – 9am-12pm; specific time slots will be confirmed as soon as possible.
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Small School Transition Evening (for students and parents coming from any school not already visited by the WHS Team).
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Transition Evening for all Parents and Students
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Transition Day for all Students
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	Year 7 Induction Day
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	Start of Autumn Term

**Uniform:**

Our uniform is supplied via Cladish or Hewitts for branded items. Their prices are available [here for Hewitts](#) and [here for Cladish](#), and both providers will be present at Transition Evening for you to speak to them or order items.

Please note that if you are choosing tracksuit bottoms for the PE kit then these must be purchased with the logo from the above retailers.

**Equipment and Uniform Checklist:**

The list of equipment students will need is available [here](#). Please ensure that your child has this equipment with them every day so that they can make the most of all learning opportunities.

**School Day:**

Timings of the school day can be found [here](#).

### Term Dates:

Our 2026-27 term dates can be found [here](#).

### Lockers:

If you would like your child to have a locker to store their coats and PE kits these can be hired at the cost of £23 for the academic year. For further information and to hire a locker, please use the following link [Locker Rental](#)

### Mobile Phone Pouches:

The use of a Woodcote mobile phone pouch enables our school to be truly mobile phone free. Students therefore do not have the distraction or temptation of looking at a mobile phone during the school day. Having a signal blocking pouch means that students are truly free of their devices in the day supporting them with learning and wellbeing. In utilising a school pouch the mobile phone remains the responsibility of the student. Students release their phone at the end of the day via magnets located by the exits of the school meaning that no student is left without their phone for their journey to and from school.

Please note that should a student's phone be seen or heard during the school day (i.e. it has not been placed in a school pouch) it would then be confiscated. The only exception to this rule is for students with diabetes who use their phones for medical purposes.

We encourage you to speak with your child about the importance of using their phone pouch responsibly. Woodcote Phone Pouches will be on sale at the transition evening and cost £16. Support to purchase a phone pouch is available for students in receipt of free school meals.

### Free School Meal Checker

If you believe your child is eligible for free school meals, we require you to action the below. Please access the FSM checker by clicking on the link below.

[Free School Meal Eligibility Checker \(lgfl.org.uk\)](https://www.lgfl.org.uk)

There is a FAQ button which provides lots of useful information explaining eligibility. Click "check eligibility" and create a new account – (you will need to have your national insurance number and date of birth and full name.) **Once you have completed the check, please would you forward a screenshot of the result to us at [fsm@woodcotehigh.org.uk](mailto:fsm@woodcotehigh.org.uk) and we can then ensure the entitlement is allocated to your child.** If the check indicates that you are not eligible, but you are currently receiving FSM at your primary school please advise us using the same email address.

Please be aware that Croydon Local Education Authority will NOT inform us of children's eligibility for free school meals.

Please note that even if your child is in receipt of FSM you may still be required to top up their account so they can buy extra drinks and snacks from the school canteen at break time and lunch time. The FSM allowance does not cover ALL expenditure in the canteen – it only covers a set hot main meal or cold option. There will be a charge for all other items chosen that fall outside of these "meal deals". If you are ever unsure as to what items your child is choosing, you can always check their account on ParentPay for details. Please note that we can put daily spending caps on their account if you so wish.

### Driving to School:

Please be aware that our school is part of Croydon's 'Healthy School Streets' scheme; streets that are reserved for walkers and cyclists during the start and end of the school day. This means that neither Meadow Rise nor Fairfield Way, leading to Dunsfold Rise, can be accessed by vehicles on weekdays between **8am – 9.30am** and **2pm – 4pm**. If you drive into the roads during these hours, you will incur a Penalty Charge Notice.

### Social Media:

Please do follow us on the social media platforms below which we use to update parents and students on everything going on in school and to share important reminders:

Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/woodcotehigh/>

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/WoodcoteHigh>

The school website has a wealth of information and our transition specific website for students and parents will be live in the coming weeks for you to access.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us on [admissions@woodcotehigh.org.uk](mailto:admissions@woodcotehigh.org.uk).

Welcome to Woodcote!

Yours sincerely



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