

Starting in Year 7



We know both parents and students will be nervous about the move from primary to secondary. Students may be concerned about making new friends, getting lost around the building, the level of the work or how to behave in lessons.

At Eastern High we make every effort to make settling in as easy as possible and the process starts as soon as a student is offered a place.

How we ensure your child settles in quickly

Information Evening early June

- For parents and students
- Find out about how we will educate and look after your child.

Meet the Tutor Evening late June

- For parents and students individually
- A chance to meet your child's tutor
- Details checked,
- Uniform ordered
- Discussing and signing the Eastern High home school agreement.

College Leaders visit primaries June

- Every student visited in their primary school.
- School decides which student is allocated to which Learning Family (Tutor group).

Information from Primaries gathered June

- Eastern High requests student information
- We assess your child's strengths and weaknesses.
- Ensure appropriate support is in place for September

Learning Families (LF) formed June

- Each LF has approximately 15 - 20 students
- Each LF has two tutors
- All LFs are one of four Colleges (Houses)

Students look after your child

- All LFs have students in Year 11, 10, 9, 8 and 7 in them.
- This ensures your child is looked after by older students as well as staff during their first year.

Transition Day Late June

- All students are invited to come to the school for a day
- meet their new teachers
- meet other Year 7 students in their Learning Family and College.
- Students get to know their tutors better

First day September

- Year 7 students are welcomed by Year 11 students in their college
- Year 11 show Year 7 around the school
- Year 11 introduce Year 7 to the rest of their learning family.

Additional transition days July

- Additional days for students with additional needs
- Confidence building

Meet the Tutor week late September

- Parents invited to meet their child's tutor
- Discussion regarding your child's progress and how well they have settled

The **Learning Family Tutors** (two per group) are the key people for every student and the **first point of contact**. They meet their Learning Family each day and if there is a problem they are the best person to deal with it.

Parents should not hesitate to telephone or e-mail their child's tutor or make an appointment to see them whenever they feel it necessary.