



Tuesday 10th July 2018

Dear Parent/Carer and Student,

I am writing to current year 5 students to invite students and their families to attend our Year 6 transition events that commence in the first week of the next academic year. We appreciate that the transition from Primary School to Secondary School can be a daunting experience for both students and their parents/carers. Therefore we encourage year 6 pupils and their families to take full advantage of the transition events that we are offering in order to support the transition process. This includes our Family Fun Day taking place at Aylesford School, after school taster sessions, open evening and tours of the school that take place every Tuesday morning with myself or one of the Deputy Head Teachers.

Family Fun Day – Saturday 8th September 2018

We have a Family Fun Day taking place on Saturday 8th September 2018 where as a family; you can take part in one of our taster sessions. For those of you interested in sport, why not try our trampolining equipment or our Climbing wall or perhaps family rugby with our award winning PE teacher. We are also offering floristry for beginners, science experiments, drama and team building or maybe you would like to try 'Cooking with Kenmure' with Mr Kenmure; our amazing food & cookery teacher.

Year 6 After School Monday Taster Sessions 3:45pm -4:45pm

We will be delivering a number of taster sessions that will run during the first two terms in September. This will commence on Monday 10th September. This will allow you to see what it is like to study at Aylesford School. These sessions are likely to be very popular so we will carry them out in two cycles so that students have an opportunity to try everything. We also encourage parents to stay in our canteen whilst their children are trying one of our sessions, as they will have a chance to enjoy refreshments with myself and the Year 7 Progress Leader. You should read the information below which provides details on the sessions including how to book onto them.

Open Evening

Aylesford School will be hosting an Open Evening on Tuesday 2nd October; 5:30pm-8:00pm. This provides an opportunity for year 5 and year 6 students and their parents/carers to get a taste of all the wonderful things Aylesford School has to offer. You will have an opportunity to meet the Head Teacher, the Senior Leadership Team, as well as our teaching staff and some of our students. Departments will invite you into their classrooms, where you can explore the amazing work that students have produced and witness how we promote and encourage progress from all of our students.

Tours of the School

You might want to come and have a look at Aylesford School on a normal school day so we give students and parents/carers the opportunity to have a tour of the school with myself or one of the Deputy Head Teachers every Tuesday morning 9:00am-10:00am starting from Tuesday 11th September 2018. To book in for this you can email myself at; tanya.kelvie@aylesford.kent.sch.uk.

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Year 6 Character Development

At Aylesford we aim to develop students academically but we also strive to make students well rounded individuals. We do this by encouraging the progression of their character. This is done by recognising and rewarding our ten character strengths that were chosen by students, parents/carers and our school governors: respect, self-discipline, courage, open-mindedness, motivation, resilience, confidence, integrity, compassion and curiosity. At Aylesford, we use the development of those character strengths to shape our reward system. Therefore, all students are issued with a character card by their mentor and when character strengths have been demonstrated this is recorded. Students are then invited to enjoy reward events such as graduation ceremonies, pizza and film afternoons and reward trips. We would like to support year 6 students in becoming well rounded individuals and so each student who attends our after school transition sessions that run on Mondays will be issued with a character card and can collect character points each week. There will be rewards for the students to enjoy who have demonstrated various character strengths at the end of the transition sessions.

The vision for Aylesford School

The vision for Aylesford School is to provide 'an education that builds character' - high quality Academic and Character Education which develops confident young people who are successful learners and contribute positively to society. This is underpinned by our strap line 'Courage, Confidence, Character'. Since my appointment in the school, Ofsted have said the following:

'The school has improved dramatically under the new leadership' (Ofsted 2017)

'The Leadership and Management of the school is a strength and continues to provide high ambition and aspiration for the school community' (Ofsted 2017)

'The partnership with Wrotham School is having a significant impact.' (Ofsted 2017)

In 2017 students in year 11 at Wrotham School achieved more grade 4s and 5s in English and Mathematics than any other non-selective school, along with a positive Progress 8 score. We know that what we are doing at Aylesford will work.

I firmly believe that every student regardless of background or ability can achieve whatever they want with hard work and determination. I am passionate about ensuring that you reach your potential at Aylesford School and believe that if you develop good character strengths you will be successful at whatever you try. At Aylesford School my staff and I have developed a 'Can Do' attitude and are prepared to do whatever it takes to maintain high standards and continually improve progress and attainment.

Our behaviour policy centres on developing and praising character strengths demonstrated by students both in lessons and around the school. We recognise that strong positive relationships are key, as is celebration of success.

'Good' and 'Outstanding' Teaching and Learning are at the forefront of everything that we do and we are fortunate to have a high calibre of teachers working at Aylesford School with Nationally recognised Specialist Leaders in Education in English and Maths and an award winning PE teacher.

Our teachers will stretch and challenge you, provide support when needed and be a source of inspiration.

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It is also really important to us that you enjoy school and we are always looking for opportunities to promote this. You will have opportunities to participate in sports activities, performing arts, charity events, cultural visits which will help to nurture your talents and hopefully provide a love of school – we want you to be happy. Parents/carers and students opinions' matter and these are the results of our current year 7 parental survey:

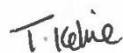
	% Strongly Agree/Agree
Aylesford school year 7 parent survey February 2018	
My child feels safe at this school	96
My child is making good progress at the school	98
This schools meets my child's particular needs	96
This school ensures my child is well looked after	96
My child is taught well at this school	98
This school helps my child to develop skills in communication, reading, writing and mathematics	98
My child is challenged in their learning	98
This school helps me to support my child's learning	96
I would recommend this school to another parent	94
My child was well supported throughout the transition from year 6 to 7	96
The Parents' Evening was helpful as I know how to support my child	97

I believe that ensuring the smooth transition from your Primary School to Secondary School is so important that if students make us their choice of secondary school, I will personally come and visit you at your Primary School and we can talk about what you are looking forward to, what your aspirations and interests are and discuss any concerns you have.

We have arranged a number of events that are designed to give you an opportunity to get to know Aylesford School for yourselves and to support the transition from Primary School to Secondary School. To sign up for any of these events please fill in the booking form attached and post back to the school to be made for the attention of Miss Duff, Progress Leader Year 7.

There will be lots of opportunities to get to know me, the year 7 team and Aylesford School over the next few months while you make your decisions about your future. We will do our best to support the transition from Primary School to Secondary School. Your academic success and happiness at school are of paramount importance. Please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Yours sincerely,



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Transition Events at Aylesford School

Please fill in and return by post/email to Aylesford School or fill in online at:

Name: _____ Primary School:
Address: _____

Family Taster Day

Saturday 8th September 2018 9:00am -12:00pm

Please indicate sessions in order of preference (1 = 1st Choice – 6= Least favourite activity to try):

- Floristry for beginners
- Trampolines
- Rugby
- Drama and team building
- Cooking
- Climbing wall
- Science

After School Taster Sessions 3:45pm – 4:45pm

Date:	Sessions (Cycle 1)
Monday 10 th September	Maths Session 1 <input type="checkbox"/>
Monday 17 th September	English Session 1 <input type="checkbox"/>
Monday 24 th September	Science Session 1 <input type="checkbox"/>
Monday 1 st October	Sport Session 1 – Please choose one from the following by indicating with a tick Trampolining <input type="checkbox"/> Rugby <input type="checkbox"/> Climbing Wall <input type="checkbox"/>
Monday 8 th October	Technology Session 1– Please choose one from the following: Cooking <input type="checkbox"/> Woodwork <input type="checkbox"/> Art <input type="checkbox"/>
Monday 15 th October	Performing Arts Session 1 - Please choose one from the following: Music <input type="checkbox"/> Dance <input type="checkbox"/> Drama <input type="checkbox"/>
Monday 5 th November	English Baccalaureate Subjects Session 1- Please choose one from the following: Geography <input type="checkbox"/> History <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science <input type="checkbox"/>

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After School Taster Sessions Continued:

Date:	Sessions (Cycle 2 - a repeat of session 1 and an opportunity to try something different from the taster session in cycle 1)
Monday 12 th November	Maths (Repeat of Session 1) <input type="checkbox"/> English (Repeat of Session 1) <input type="checkbox"/>
Monday 19 th November	Science (Repeat of Session 1) <input type="checkbox"/>
Monday 26 th November	Sport (Repeat of Session 1) – Please choose one from the following: Trampolining <input type="checkbox"/> Rugby <input type="checkbox"/> Climbing Wall <input type="checkbox"/>
Monday 3 rd December	Technology (Repeat of Session 1) – Please choose one from the following: Cooking <input type="checkbox"/> Woodwork <input type="checkbox"/> Art <input type="checkbox"/>
Monday 10 th December	Performing Arts (Repeat of Session 1) - Please choose one from the following: Music <input type="checkbox"/> Dance <input type="checkbox"/> Drama <input type="checkbox"/>
Monday 17 th December	English Baccalaureate Subjects (Repeat of Session 1) - Please choose one from the following: Geography <input type="checkbox"/> History <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science <input type="checkbox"/>

Tour of the School

Tuesday 11 th September 2018	9:00am	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday 18 th September 2018	9:00am	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday 25 th September 2018	9:00am	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday 2 nd October 2018	9:00am	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday 9 th October 2018	9:00am	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday 16 th October 2018	9:00am	<input type="checkbox"/>

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