

FRED LONGWORTH HIGH SCHOOL



Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you are well.

Over the last few weeks I have visited all primary schools gathering information, talking to Y6 staff and putting children into form groups. Whilst this is a busy time of the year, it is great meeting all the Y6 teachers and finding out about our next intake of students - and I believe this year's intake will be a very strong year group. I have also met all the students coming to us on their own or in very small groups and it has been lovely meeting these children.

Where possible I have tried to place all students in a form with at least one friend, and I have worked very closely with Y6 teachers in this process. I am sure you will appreciate that creating form groups is a complex process in order to devise forms which are mixed ability and have a good balance of a range of factors. Whilst I aim to make these groups as diverse as possible, there may be a few parents and children who may not be totally satisfied with the form that they have been allocated. If this is the case for you or your child, I would like you to work with us please and try to make this a success. However form groupings are provisional until the October half term break and if there are concerns after a few weeks of your child being at Freddie's, please contact either Mrs Regan or myself. I will not, unless there are exceptional circumstances, be changing form groupings before the students start at Freddie's.

Please also bear in mind that students are only in their form groupings for a relatively small proportion of their total time in school; for many of their lessons they will be taught in different groups and sets, not necessarily with their friends. There will be ample opportunity to mix with them every day at break and lunchtimes.

All students are invited to three 'move-up days'.

North band students have their move-up days on Monday 20th June to Wednesday 22nd June.

South band have their move-up days on Thursday 23rd June to Monday 27th June.

Students must wear their primary school uniform, bringing with them a bag containing basic equipment – pen, pencil, ruler, plus training shoes and a drink of water/juice (no fizzy or energy drinks please) as they are likely to have a PE session as part of their timetabled 3 days. Students need to bring a packed lunch, or £2.50 to buy food and a drink.

Students need to arrive by 8.30am and should wait at the front of school where we will meet them. The days will finish at 3.00pm apart from students attending on Monday 27th June, in the South band, who will finish at 2.00pm just on that day.

Please make arrangements for your child to be picked up from Freddie's at the front of school. Unfortunately, due to building work, there is no vehicle access down Printshop Lane and no parking areas on the school site.

In addition to this we are holding a Y6 Parents' Evening on Thursday 30th June, from 6.30pm. On this evening key information will be presented and it is an important event for all our new parents – we hope that you will join us at this evening. We would like the students to attend this as they will have a further opportunity to meet their form tutor and the rest of their form group. The evening will finish around 8.00pm.

In the meantime if you have any questions regarding transition to Freddie's, please do not hesitate to contact me via my email: whalleyj@flhs.wigan.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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