

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

Dear Parent / Carer

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Rob Spooner and I am an Assistant Headteacher at Severn Vale with responsibility for Year 7. I work closely with the Head of Year and other key staff to ensure that your child is supported both academically and pastorally so they can realise their potential and, equally importantly, be happy at school.

At this stage of the year we are busy preparing for our Year 6 Transition visits and our Year 6 Transition Evening for parents. The transition to secondary school can be a daunting experience for both children and their parents. I understand that some children may be feeling anxious but please be reassured that our transition team are working closely with each primary school to ensure that the needs of all students transitioning to Severn Vale are met.

Please note the following important dates below.

- Fortnight beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Severn Vale Staff visit feeder primary schools
- Fortnight beginning Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 students invited to Severn Vale for a tour
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Year 6 Induction evening – Surname A – K
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Year 6 Induction evening – Surname L – Z
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Year 7 only induction days

This will be the first of a series of communications I will be sending parents. This is in addition to the Transition Information Booklet you will receive in the following weeks. Each communication will cover a key area of life at Severn Vale in an attempt to answer many of the questions you or your child may have including:

- 1. Be Awesome/Go Big Transition Project – Primary visits**
- 2. Uniform and Equipment**
- 3. Transport to school**
- 4. Tutor Groups**
- 5. Catering/Parent Pay**

We will continue to use the *Be Awesome/Go Big Year 6 Transition Project* which has successfully been used to support the transition of previous Year 6 cohorts to Severn Vale School.

I would like to draw your attention to the dedicated transition email address [transitions@severnvaeschool.com](mailto:transitions@severnvaeschool.com) which you can use to ask any questions you may have.

We are continuing to use Applicaa for transition data collection. You should've now received your log in to Applicaa, if you have already used Applicaa for an older child you will already have an account. If you have not already logged in please do so, if you have not received a log in please email Transitions and we'll look into it for you.

I am very much looking forward to welcoming your child to Severn Vale School and to working with you over the next five years.

Yours sincerely,

Mr R Spooner  
Assistant Head