

At Penwortham Girls' High School we recognise that moving from Primary to Secondary School can be a daunting experience for students and parents alike. Our carefully tailored transition programme aims to support each family through this process so that moving on to Secondary School is a natural next step.

The transition to Penwortham Girls':

Transition Visit:

In the Summer Term Mrs Cattnach (Transition Manager) will visit every feeder Primary School, even if only one student may be joining us from her school. During this visit she will introduce each student to the daily routines at Penwortham Girls' and answer any questions they might have before speaking to their teacher about their current attainment and pastoral needs. Mrs Cattnach will also present each student with a welcoming letter from current students who will act as her buddies throughout her time at Penwortham Girls'.



Sampling Day:

At the start of July our new intake will visit Penwortham Girls' where they will spend the day with their new form and form tutor. Each form tutor will remain with their form throughout their time at Penwortham Girls' supporting them through their transition to secondary school and beyond. During Sampling Day students will also meet their buddies, tour the school, meet their future classmates and experience some lessons.

Early Intervention and Support:



On occasion, it might be appropriate to provide additional support to those students who most need it. The Learning Support Department provides tailored visits for girls who need a little more support. These are calendared in the Summer term as part of our successful MOTHS (Moving On To High School) programme.

New Entrants' Evening:

This evening celebrates the start of our formal 'home-school' partnership. During the evening parents have the opportunity to meet their daughter's form tutor and members of their form and Learning Support staff. There is also the opportunity to look, order or even purchase uniform and stationary as well as discuss transport to and from school.

Head Start Days:

All students will spend two days in school immediately prior to starting in September. These days will ensure your daughter feels ready to start her journey at Penwortham Girls' by becoming familiar with the layout of the school, how the canteen works, meeting new friends and staff, experiencing our wide variety of subjects and above all else having fun!



During the first few weeks:



In addition to the support offered by the form tutor students will also have access to Peer Counsellors who will spend time in each form during morning registrations. The Peer Counsellors have been specially selected following an interview process and will have spent time getting to know the girls on Sampling Day back in July. Students will also have the opportunity to meet their buddies in the first few weeks and even attend a Buddy Disco!

Transition Evening:

In the Autumn term parents will have the opportunity to meet with their daughter's tutor to find out how she is getting on. During this meeting we will discuss her attendance & punctuality, attitude to learning, organisation and the extra-curricular activities she has participated in. This will be followed by a more formal academic Parents' Evening in the Spring term, two monitoring reports and a formal School report in the Summer term.