Parent/Guardian:

Child's Name:

Child's House: Elberry

Child's Tutor Group: 7WE1

Year 7

Transition

Information Booklet

Key Dates		
Thursday 2nd July	New Year 7 Induction Day	8:20am – 2:45pm
Monday 10th to 14th August	Summer School on the site your child has been allocated	8:30am -3pm
Wed 2nd September	Day 1 Autumn Term (Year 7 only will attend)	8:20am – 3:00pm
Wed 2nd September	Parent Information Meeting / Log In (optional drop in session)	8.45am / 2pm or 5pm
Wednesday 9th September	Year 7 Photos	From 9am
Thursday 18th March	Year 7 Parents' Evening	3.30pm – 6.30pm

Parent Checklist

- ☐ Read the Essential Information Pack that was given to your child
- ☐ Apply for the optional 'TheBigStep' Transition Summer School by 3rd July
- ☐ Order all Paignton Academy Uniform – We advise to order with Proserve before end of July
- ☐ Be familiar with and visit the "Year 6 into Year 7" page on the website
- ☐ Support your child to acquire everything on the equipment list for September
- ☐ Have a relaxing and wonderful summer holidays

Welcome message from the Elberry team at Waterleat Road

Dear Parent/Guardian

We extend a warm welcome to the Academy and to the Elberry House!

Elberry House was established in 2019 as part of the Academy's new house system being created.

Elberry House stands for the 3 R's ethos; Respect, Resilience and Reward. We promote the development of respectful young people who interact with their peers as well as adults in their life positively both in the Academy and the wider community.

We incorporate resilience into everything we do in the Academy and in Elberry we encourage young people to push themselves academically even when learning is challenging. We encourage students to set themselves goals and celebrate/reward them when they achieve them.

We understand that for any young person the transition from primary to secondary school can be a daunting prospect. As a House Team we and our fantastic Year 7 tutors will endeavour to support and make your young person's adaptation to secondary education as seamless as possible so they are happy and settled within the Academy as part of the Elberry family.

We can't wait to meet your young person and help guide them through the next 5 years on their educational journey.

Mr Lynch - Head of House and Mrs Shaw – Pastoral Manager

Mr Lynch
Head of House

Mrs Shaw
Pastoral Manager

Induction Days

Arrival – On Thursday your child can arrive between 8am and 8:20am via the main reception and will be escorted down to the millennium gardens. On induction day the new students will finish at 2:45pm; the rest of the Academy will finish at 3pm as normal.

Uniform
Thursday – Your child should attend wearing their **primary school PE kit** for the day.

Attendance – If your child is unable to attend for any reason, please email our Attendance Team: attendance@paigntonacademy.tsat.uk **We do need to be notified, ideally before 8:30am.**

Breaktime – Please provide **a snack** for your child to eat at breaktime.

Lunch – We will provide students with a **free** lunch on induction day and give them an extended lunchtime, as moving through the canteen can take longer as it is a new process for the students. If, however your child prefers a packed lunch, they will be able to use the dining area to eat this.

We will register students for the catering system on induction day ready for when they join us in September. Torbay Council supplies us with an updated list of those children eligible for free school meals so that will be available for those students in September.

Lunch Time Activities – Students will be able to use the use the library, the field for football (weather dependant) and we will notify students if any other clubs are available.

Transport – At the end of the day there are high levels of traffic immediately around the Academy. The car park is usually full and is closed between 2:55pm – 3:10pm. Many parents find it easier to meet their children a short walk from the Academy which makes it safer for our students. Some parents ask their children to wait for a few minutes and they pick them up 5 or 10 minutes later when the traffic around the Academy has eased. Please can we ask you to drive responsibly around Waterleat Road and park appropriately to help our neighbours access driveways at all times.

Praise – Reward Points – On the induction day students will be able to earn reward points when they are successful. From September students can convert their points into items from the CARE Store.

Golden Tickets - During each lesson one student will be awarded a golden ticket and we will draw out one golden ticket for each tutor group at the end of the induction day to receive a prize.

Tutor Groups – We know the students will enjoy the induction day, allowing them to make new friends, sample the environment of the Academy, find their way around and become confident about joining us in September. They have all been assigned a tutor group and they will register in this group for morning registration and be taught in this class for their lessons over the induction day. These groups will be their registration groups in September and might be subject to change when students start at the Academy. In Maths, English, PE and PSHE the teaching groups will be set differently; therefore students will also be in lessons with students who are not in their tutor groups.

The tutors will be:

7WB1 - TBC	**7WE1 –** Miss Walton	**7WP1 –** Mr Tanner
7WB2 – Miss Brown	**7WG1** – Mr Harle	**7WP2 –** Mr Washbrook

Summer School – In the Summer Holidays during the week beginning the 10th of August, there is a one week Year 6 to 7 Transition programme led by 'The Big Step'. This will be a fantastic opportunity for students to make new friends, take part in a range of fun activities and become excited about starting in September. There will be a cost for this, you can book on and further information can be found here - https://thebigstep.org/

Finally, we are extremely excited to be welcoming all of our new students in to the Academy and beginning this next part of their educational journey with them and we are really looking forward to getting to know your child during their time here.

Working together, we want to ensure your child is as successful as they can be during their secondary phase of education.

This is an exciting time with plenty of new opportunities for your child and we are confident your child will quickly make new friends, develop a rapport with the teachers and find their way around the school buildings.