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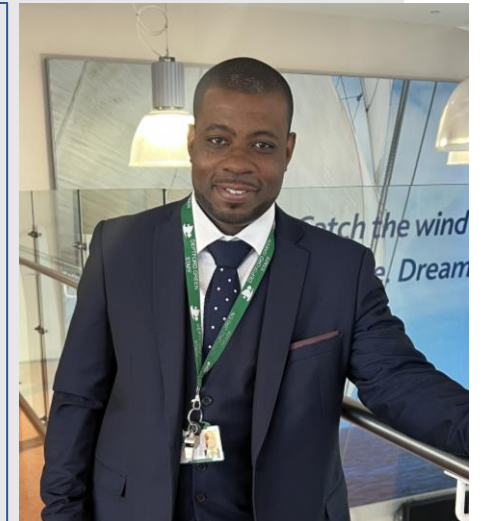
My name is Mr Walker, and I am the Head of Key Stage 3 and oversee the transition between primary and secondary.

I know first-hand how daunting and challenging such a change can be moving from Myatt Garden Primary School to this very school myself. Therefore, it is my mission to ensure that every pupil and their family feels known, valued and supported when joining us. Our team promises to work tirelessly to care for the whole child from day one, best placing them to not only be successful here, but in life after they leave us. This brochure will outline our outstanding transition provision.

Mr Walker, Head of Key Stage 3

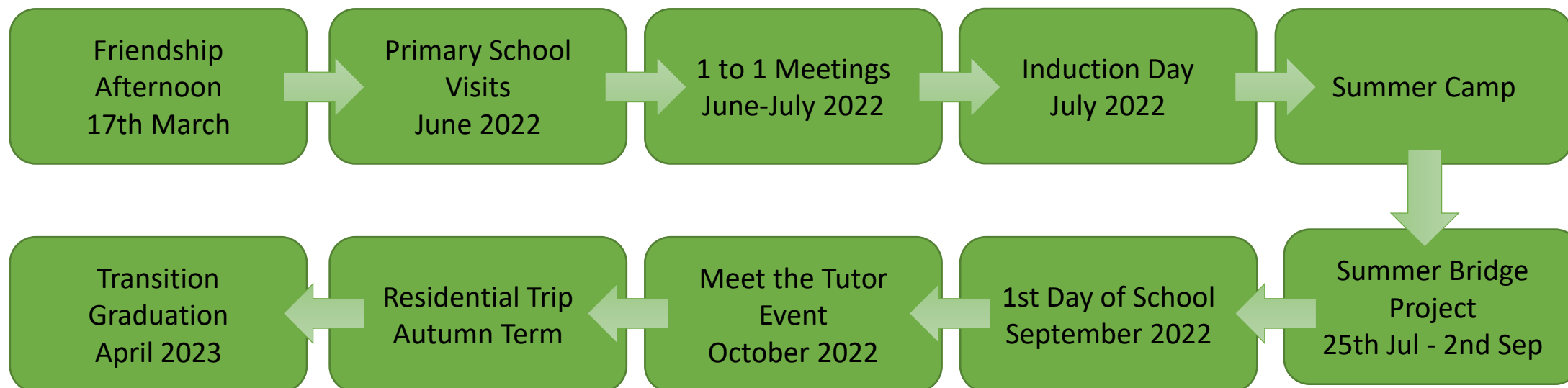
My aim and role as transition leader is to equip pupils for life-long learning by ensuring they are provided with every opportunity possible to learn and grow as active citizens. Working in partnership with you, I seek to develop positive relationships that ensure your child is trying their best every day, feels included in all aspects of school life and is happy on their journey through the school. It is my vision for your child to understand that this is a safe place to learn and to assist them in building an aspirational mindset knowing that, with the support of those around them, they will grow both socially and academically. I genuinely believe in what we do at Deptford Green and want your child to feel safe and happy in their lives so that they can learn new things every day.

Mr Sinclair, Transition Lead





Transition Overview



All dates are subject to change and will be on the school calendar and transition page





Friendship Afternoon

Every pupil and parent who is offered a place at Deptford Green is invited to our fabulous 'Friendship Afternoon'. Pupils will make friends whilst taking part in fun taster lessons whilst parents meet one another when being treated to 'meet and greets' with key staff and breath-taking performances from our Music and Drama departments.



Getting to know our pupils as individuals is a priority of our transition provision. It is Mr Sinclair's mission to visit every pupil and their Year 6 teacher before they start with us. We gather information on our pupils' likes, relationships and any needed areas of development. We share this information with the pupils' tutors to be so they can start to get to know them straight away.

Primary Visits



1:1 Meetings & Induction day

Meet the Senior Team



Ms Thurston - Headteacher



Mr Paish – Assistant Headteacher



Ms Cameron – Head of Inclusion



Ms Bax – Director of Studies



Mr Allen – Assistant Headteacher



Ms Stanghon – Acting Deputy Headteacher

We believe the relationship between school, parents and pupil is critical in ensuring we achieve our shared goals.

Therefore, all parents and their children are invited in for a meeting with a senior member of staff to get know each other. Parents will be able to ask any questions they have of the school as well as knowing exactly what to expect from our school.

Before the school year is out for the summer break we close the school for 1 day and invite all of our incoming Year 7's in for an induction day. This will be filled with fun taster and ice breaking sessions. Our induction day is facilitated by student leaders. This allows our incoming pupils to develop healthy relationships with older pupils. New pupils leave our induction day with a real feel for a positive life ahead at Deptford Green!



Primary Outreach



We value our relationships and presence within our local community. We have an outstanding primary outreach provision that runs throughout the year. Running sport competitions, music and drama workshops are just a few of the fun things we offer. This means your child should have already experienced our school in some form.

1st Day of School

To give our new pupils a little more time to adjust to life at secondary school, they will be the only year group in the school for their first day in September.

After receiving their new timetables, their first day will be centred around getting to know each other further, their new school and the excellent teachers that work within it.





Summer Bridging Project



We know keeping young people occupied for the whole duration of the summer break can be a challenge. We also recognise this extended time away from school can heighten anxieties. We therefore provide a fun and engaging Summer Project our incoming Year 7's can work on throughout their break. The activities in the project will help prepare pupils for life at our school in September. The main focus is on literacy & numeracy ensuring a strong start to the Yr 7 curriculum.



Again, in recognition of the challenges the summer break can present and after it's huge popularity and success last year, we are excited to again offer a summer camp to our incoming Year 7 pupils. Lead by teachers, staff and student leaders, the camp will be focused on ensuring all pupils feel supported and prepared to start properly in September. This will be done using fun and engaging activities from all areas of the curriculum.

Summer Camp



Enrichment



At Deptford Green we have an outstanding enrichment programme that runs throughout the school year. Pupils are encouraged to join a range of activities in which they can further develop their character and meet friends who share similar interests. This supports transition as pupils feel more settled as they form positive relationships with peers and staff. Our provision is completely free to pupils and simply requires pupils to turn up. Our most recent enrichment programme now rewards pupils who consistently attend a number of activities.



Residential Trip

As the constraints of the pandemic loosen something new we are doing is a residential trip for all year 7 pupils in their first term. Although we love our community we want to offer every year 7 pupil the opportunity to experience new environments. We want pupils to further develop relationships and test their character through outdoor and adventurous activities.



Meet the Tutor Event



Your child's tutor is a key staff member responsible for their daily pastoral support and as a result, is your first point of contact with any questions. In recognition of this, in the first term there will be a 'Meet The Tutor' event in which you are invited to meet them in their classrooms. This provides parents and pupils the opportunity to strengthen key relationships as well as gain an early understanding of how pupils have settled in. This event is an extra provision, and a formal parents evening will take place later in the academic year.



As your child will spend their first term settling into life at secondary school, they will also be developing their LORIC skills. LORIC stands for Leadership, Organisation, Resilience, Initiative and Communication. We believe these soft skills will not only ensure every pupil is successful whilst at Deptford Green, but in life after they leave us. Your child's work in these areas will be used as part of their graduation from the transition phase into the main body of the school. Parents will be invited to attend this celebration.

Transition Graduation

