

Welcome to our latest Transition Newsletter, as your children enjoy their final few weeks at primary; no doubt there will be lots of activities and events to celebrate the end of Year 6. We would like to congratulate them all on completing their recent SATs tests.

This term is a busy one here at John O'Gaunt too, as our Year 11 students have completed their GCSE exams and will be celebrating with their Prom this week. Students have taken part in Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh expeditions; Year 9 have chosen their options for GCSE; there have been Geography field trips to the coast, Drama performances, mock career interviews, maths challenges, a puzzle day at Southampton University, a visit from an England netball player and we've hosted our regular 'All Aboard' community lunches.

Still to come this term are work experience placements for our Year 10 students, sports day, a House Challenge Day and to round it all off, our 'Night Full of Stars' event where we will be celebrating students' achievements throughout this academic year. Staff and students will be ready for a summer break by 21st July!

We hope your children enjoy all the activities in their own primaries in the final weeks of term and we look forward to seeing them on Transition Day on 1st July.

Richard Hawthorne - Principal

YEAR 7 RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO PLAS PENCELLI OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE

We are delighted to offer our new Year 7 students the opportunity to take part in a residential visit to Plas Pencelli Outdoor Education Centre this November. This trip provides an excellent opportunity for students to build friendships, develop confidence and resilience, and take part in a range of exciting outdoor and team-building activities. As students begin their journey with us, we believe this experience will play an important role in helping them settle into school life and create positive relationships with their peers.

The residential will run from Monday 16 November – Wednesday 18 November 2026.

Places will be allocated with Year 7 students receiving priority. Should any spaces remain available, they will be offered to Year 8 students.

The cost of the trip is £315 per student, which includes accommodation, meals, transport, and all activities.

As our finance system cannot be updated with new student information until the first week that your child joins us, we are currently unable to accept payments or add families to the payment system. In the meantime, we ask that you register your interest using the link or scanning the QR code: [Pencelli Residential Trip – Fill in form](#)

This will help us gauge numbers and begin planning the visit. Full payment will be required by the end of September.

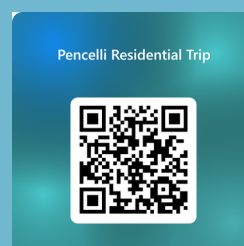
We understand that residential visits can represent a significant financial commitment for some families. If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium (PP) support, or if you would like to enquire about financial assistance, please indicate this on the form and someone will be in touch.

We are providing this information now to give families as much notice as possible and allow plenty of time for planning and budgeting.

Further details about the trip, including activities, kit lists, medical information, and payment arrangements, will be shared at our Transition Evening on Wednesday 1st July.

We hope that your child will be able to join us for what promises to be a memorable and rewarding experience.

Mr Peter Scutt - Vice Principal



OUR SCHOOL VALUES

AMBITION

Strive for excellence, set high aspirations and demonstrate determination in your learning and personal development.

CARE

Show kindness, empathy and support towards others; foster a caring, inclusive community where everyone feels valued.

COURAGE

Stand up for what's right, try something new or overcome personal fears; show bravery and persevere in difficult situations.

STUDENT ADMISSION FORMS

If you have not yet returned your form, please complete and return as soon as possible. If you are having any difficulty completing the form, please contact the school office on 01488 682400 and our admin team will be happy to support you. The link to the form is [HERE](#).

KEY DATES

NEXT WEEK

Transition Day

Wed 1st July, 9am - 2.30pm

Transition Evening

Wed 1st July, 5pm - 6pm

OTHER DATES

Final Transition Newsletter

W/B Mon 13th July

Start of Term 1

Wed 3rd Sep 2025 - only Year 7 students in school

Meet your Tutor Evening

Thurs 10th Sept 2026

October half term break

Fri 23rd Oct to Mon 2nd Nov 2026

MEET OUR SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM



Mr Hawthorne
Principal



Mr Scutt
Vice Principal



Mrs Morgan
Assistant Vice Principal for
Teaching & Learning



Mrs Quigley
Assistant Vice Principal
and SENDCO



Mr Smith
Assistant Vice Principal for
Behaviour & Welfare

LIBRARY

We are looking forward to meeting you in September and showing you around our amazing library!

During the holidays why not visit your local library and see what recommended books they have for your age.

You could also have a go at our

Summer Bingo Challenge!

Best of luck.

Mrs Robertson, Librarian



TRANSITION DAY WED 1ST JULY

Here is an example of the format for Transition Day. Students will be in their tutor groups and move around the different topics on rotation.

Time	Group A	Group T	Group S
8.50-9.05	Welcome Activities		
8.50-9.20			
9.20-10.00	Sci	PE	English
10.00-10.40	English	Sci	PE
10.40-11.10	Break time		
11.10-11.50	PE	Humanities	Drama
11.50-12.30	Humanities	Drama	Sci
12.30-13.20	Lunch time		
13.20-14.00	Drama	English	Humanities
14.00-14.20	Celebration, Reflection and Certificates		
14.20-14.30			

TRANSITION EVENING WED 1ST JULY, 5PM TO 6PM

We look forward to welcoming parents to our Transition Evening, There will be an opportunity to see what your children have been doing during Transition Day, as well as meet Year 7 tutors and Heads of House.

Skoolkit will be attending with a selection of uniform.

We will also have a small amount of secondhand uniform available, as well as stationery bundles, calculators and dictionaries. **IT WILL BE CASH ONLY FOR ALL STATIONERY ITEMS.**

Stationery bundles:

Basic Pencil Case Set £2.50 – clear pencil case, black, blue and green pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, sharpener, geometry maths set.

Full Pencil Case Set £12.50 – as above PLUS scientific calculator. **(Pupil Premium students will receive a Full Pencil Case Set FREE OF CHARGE.)**