

CROMPTON HOUSE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL



July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you of our plans to welcome the new Year 7 intake in September and ensure all pupils have the best possible start to their school life with Crompton House. We apologise for any confusion of changing arrangements to Year 7 intake; however, this has been unavoidable as we are constantly revising our plans in light of government guidance for COVID 19.

The term will start for all Year 7 students on Tuesday 7th September. We are very conscious as to how very different the start of the school year will be for Year 7. We will send out further information nearer the time as to where students will need to meet on their first day in school.

In addition, we would also like to invite pupils to attend 1 of 2 welcome days with half of their year group.

Welcome Day

- **If your child is in Cocker or Crompton they should attend on Tuesday 31st August.**
- **If your child is in Ormerod or Ridley they should attend on Wednesday 1st September.**
- **Start Time:** Students need to arrive at Crompton House at **8.40am.**
- **End Time:** Please collect your child outside school at **2pm, please be aware of parking restrictions.**
- **Dress code:** Full Crompton House Uniform including school shoes
- **Equipment:** Pen, pencil, bottle of water, headphones, sun lotion if the weather requires it.
- **Lunch: Packed lunch. No food available in school.**

During the welcome day, children will take part in games to help them make friends, find their way around school and undertake Cognitive Ability Tests (CATs).

CATs

CAT tests provide a useful indicator of a pupil's underlying potential and can highlight areas that might need further support. Unlike SATs usually taken in Year 6, CAT tests **do not require any prior knowledge** or tutoring to complete. Pupils sit the short multiple-choice tests on a computer, over two sessions, each lasting approximately 60 minutes. These will examine their Verbal skills (basic word power), Non-Verbal skills (conceptual/spatial awareness), and Quantitative skills (numerical/reasoning skills). Pupils will hear verbal instructions from the test via a computer. Additional help will be provided for those pupils who require it. The results help us ensure that your child is in the most appropriate classes with the necessary support to achieve their potential from day one. It also avoids the need to move children to different classes during the initial months of Year 7 which can be unsettling for new students.

Encourage your child to get a good night's rest and have a wholesome breakfast on the welcome day so that they are alert and ready to answer the questions in their CAT session and enjoy the activities.



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Please confirm your child's attendance on the Welcome Day or let us know if they are unable to attend by following the link on the home page of the school website www.cromptonhouse.org and completing the welcome day attendance link:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yLydsBWZL0q6jW_FBtdv9jXjLZ_6BAZDpNehzRyLEphUN1paVE5EQ0FIQIdUTzhEOVdUSDZQQjNDRi4u

Or, alternatively email the Transition Team.

Yours sincerely,

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