



WILLIAM
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SCHOOL



Secondary Transition at William Ellis

*Supporting every child's move
to secondary education*

Transition Schedule 2026

It is our aim to ensure that every boy's transition from primary education to William Ellis School is as smooth and purposeful as possible. We focus on the individual, and realise the importance of giving boys and their families the opportunity to find out more about the school during the transition period, and of us beginning to get to know each student prior to his first day in September.

From March each year we start a programme of support for boys starting at William Ellis School. There is a special programme for boys who may be particularly anxious or concerned about the move to secondary school. This will involve small group work, mentoring, and additional visits to school.

Events for the diary...

Welcome and Information Event – Wednesday 18th March at 5pm

An evening session giving families an opportunity to meet Headteacher Izzy Jones and Mr Altmann, Head of Transition, hear more about the secondary transition programme offered by William Ellis School and meet the other families whose sons will be joining us in September, while boys will take part in a fun activity.

WESPA Social Event – DATE TBC March/April

A chance for new families to meet our current parents in an informal setting to find out more about our wider school community and begin forging links to a wonderfully experienced network.

Getting To Know You Meeting – Saturday 9th May

Families will be invited to an informal one-to-one meeting with a member of our leadership team. At this meeting we will provide all the information families will need about starting school and how we can work together to best support students in the transition from primary to secondary school.

Primary School Visit from our Transition Lead – Summer Term

Staff visit every child at his primary school. This informal meeting begins to build the relationship between the student and our school community and allows the Head of Year to plan for each student's transition to William Ellis School.

International Evening – Wednesday 10th June

One of the biggest events in the school calendar. This is an evening where we celebrate all the wonderful cultures that make up our school and wider community with food, performance, quizzes, music and dancing. This is a fantastic opportunity for families to get involved in school life beyond the classroom.

Induction Day – Thursday 2nd July

A taster day in school! Boys will spend time getting to know their Tutor and peers in their form, take part in several sessions designed to familiarise students with the school site and Secondary School life, and have fun!



Parents' Information Evening - Monday 6th July

An Information Evening event for parents will take place shortly after the student Induction Day, providing further information about the forthcoming move to secondary education and allowing families to raise any questions or worries.

Summer School – 25th-28th August

A chance for boys to meet staff and make new friends before starting school in September. Typically, the Summer School offers daily onsite activities such as Drama, Science, various sports, Music, Geography as well as Art workshops, and at least one offsite trip.

First Day for Year 7 students – Thursday 3rd September

After a Welcome Assembly, boys will receive their timetable, register on the biometric system for their school dinner account, spend time with their new form group, and take part in activities designed to help them navigate the school and acquaint themselves with the Secondary school day.

Outdoor Learning Experience – Autumn Term

A day of activities or a short camp designed to introduce students to the Outdoor Learning that forms a key part of our Curriculum, while helping to form bonds between students soon after starting at William Ellis



Family Testimonials

"A very positive start to secondary school, thank you" **Year 7 Parent**

"William Ellis School has been a transformational experience for our son and for our family as a whole. From the first day, it was clear that teachers are deeply committed to education and get to know the students well, truly caring for their development" **Year 7 Parent**

"My first year at William Ellis has been fantastic... we have learnt to play rugby and softball. In most lessons I have hit my end of year target... have made more friends and I have a lot of praise points" **Year 7 Student**

"We consider ourselves very lucky that our son attends a school that takes such a proactive approach in respect of pupils' wellbeing. I know that this is not replicated in many other schools." **Year 7 Parent**

"It is a small school with a great reputation. I liked that the wellbeing of children was a focus."
Year 7 Parent



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