

BEACONSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL



26-27 ESSENTIAL TRANSITION INFO

Year 7 Essential Transition Information

We are delighted to welcome you and your child to Beaconsfield High School. Transition to secondary school is an exciting step, and we are committed to supporting every pupil to feel confident, safe, and well-prepared.

This handbook brings together all essential transition information for parents and carers in one clear, concise document and should read alongside the transition resources already made available to you.

Everything you need to learn about transitioning to our school has been provided through the Portal / App. Please utilise the resources we have already prepared for you. They are accessible via the school website Transition Portal or can be accessed via the Transition App to enable you to keep abreast of updates as they happen. You can visit the website transition portal [here](#).

Here's a summary of the information you can find in the portal and on the app:

Key Dates

Second-hand Uniform Sale
National Transition Day
Parent Induction

Term Dates

The first day of school is Friday 4th September.

Check List

This was correct at the time of publishing. Some of the timelines have changed, and you can keep abreast of these via the App / Portal as and when they happen.

Resources

Find Your Feet - Young Minds Pupil Resource

Managed Device Scheme

Moving up to Secondary School Workshops

School Communications

Handbooks

New Parent Guide – Contains all the essential information about school uniform and much more.

Transition Booklet – Photographic book of the school premises for children to familiarise themselves with their new school.

Student Handbook (To be handed out on National Transition Day)

Summer Reading Handbook (To be published in May)

Other Information

Summer Camp Booking

Registration for One-to-One Music Lessons.

Registration for Lamda Lessons

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Devices Order Portal

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What to Do Before September

- By now, you should have completed Phase I & II of the enrolment process and made your appointment with SportCrest, our appointed uniform supplier. The appointments offered are for Sunday 7th or 21st June.
- Order your child's school device by 30 June – The portal will open towards the end of April / early May. Check the App / Portal and switch on 'push notifications' to be informed when this goes live.
- Ensure you secure your child's place on Summer Camp. Book one or both days via the App or Transition Portal. Please note that we do not accept any form of childcare vouchers as payment. All payments are non-refundable.
- Locker bookings – These will open on 8th July. You can access the locker portal via the App / Transition Portal to secure your child's locker once you have been told which House they have been allocated to.

Any information in this handbook supersedes any communication in checklists issued on the App when it was launched in March 2026.

Key Dates Overview

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
May	tbc	Order school-approved device through portal/app
Tuesday 7th July 2026	09:00h – 14:45h	National Transition Day – Induction Day for students. We will meet you at the main blue gate.
Tuesday 7th July 2026	18:00h – 19:30h	Parent / Carer only Induction Evening
Saturday 6th June 2026	10:00h – 12:00h	Second-Hand Uniform Sale in the school cafeteria.
Tuesday 23rd June 2026	Invitation only	Picnic by invitation only to those transitioning without their peers.
Wednesday 8th July 2026	AM	Locker Portal Opens – Book Via App
Sunday 7th & 21st June 2026	All day	Uniform Fittings at SportCrest by appointment only. Book via App.
Thursday 23rd 2026	09:00h – 15:00h	Summer Camp
Friday 24th July 2026	09:00 – 15:00h	Summer Camp
Friday 4th September 2026	08:45h – 15:30h	First day of term for Year 7. We will meet at the main blue gate.

In September, we will communicate when we are holding our Meet the Tutor Evening.

Tuesday 7th July - Induction Day

Student Induction Day 9:00am – 2:45pm

The school will provide a free lunch for the children on this day. All that is required is they come to school in their usual school uniform, with a water bottle, a nut free snack and their pencil case. If it is sunny, they should also have sunscreen applied before they arrive and bring sunhat for the times spent outside. We will be serving Pasta Bolognese; there will be a beef and vegetable option to choose from, and a brownie which is gluten-free.

Parent / Carer only Induction Evening – 6:00pm to 7:30pm

This evening is designed to welcome you to Becky High and to share several key pieces of information in preparation for your child joining us in September. This is a parent / carer only event.

Additional Support & Funding

Information on Pupil Premium, Free School Meals, and voluntary giving is available from the New Parent Guide.

Co-Curricular Activities

At Becky High we offer a wide range of clubs and activities during lunch and after school. These will begin later in September, typically in the third or fourth week of term to allow students to settle in.

To introduce these exciting opportunities, we host a dedicated Co-Curricular Fair for students, where they can explore the many co-curricular activities on offer, meet staff and students involved, and try something new.

Most clubs are drop-in apart from after-school sports clubs and all performing arts clubs, where we ask students to make a commitment and sign up at the first session or via the notice in the student bulletin on Edulink.

Please note that, as the school does not offer wrap-round childcare, you will need to make appropriate childcare arrangements until clubs are fully up and running. Information about our extracurricular activities will be shared during the Parent Induction Evening on **7th July**.

English Curriculum Book - Purchase

In September, your child will be studying 'Rooftoppers' by Katherine Rundell

- Publisher : Bloomsbury Children's Books (28 May 2020)
- Language : English
- Paperback : 352 pages
- ISBN-10 : 152662480X

We would request that students purchase and read this book over the summer in preparation for the autumn term.

Please contact the school in confidence if you would like to purchase the texts but require financial support.

First Day of School - What to Expect

Pupils arrive at the blue gates at 8:45am, do not need for PE kits on the first day, and must have a mobile phone pouch.

Form Groups, Houses & Pastoral Support

We liaise with all primary schools ahead of placing them into mixed-school form groups and allocating Houses. We ask that you work with us to help make this important part of the transition to secondary school as positive and reassuring as possible for your child.

We know that this change can feel a little daunting for some children, but please be assured that our experienced and caring team will support your child every step of the way, helping them settle quickly, build confidence, and feel at home in their new school community.

Keeping in Touch - Communication & Staying Informed

Key contact emails are provided for general and pastoral enquiries – these can be found in the New Parent Guide.

In addition to 'push notifications' being sent from the Transition App, all transition communications are issued via Applica once Phase II of the enrolment process commences.

In September, you can expect communications to be sent via our communication platform, SchoolComms on a Friday. These communications can be accessed from a variety of places:-

1. Parent Inbox on the website (<https://www.beaconsfieldhigh.school/news-and-dates/youve-got-mail>)
2. EduLink (You will be invited to join this during September and be able to see timetables, homework and communicate absences)
3. To ensure you receive school communications from September. Please refer to our School Communication guidance in the **resources** area on our Transition Portal.

Laptop Devices, Mobile Phones & Pouches

All pupils require a school-approved laptop device and a signal-blocking mobile phone pouch (if bringing a feature phone to school). The managed one-to-one device ordering portal will open in May. Please look out for the push notification of when this will go live.

Signal-blocking mobile phone pouches will soon be available to purchase via a button from the Transition App / Portal. (A Push Notification will be sent, and an update notice will also be posted on the App.) Only one is required. These must be paid in advance and if you have paid for one by the end of June, then your child will be given one to bring home with them on National Transition Day. You may purchase a pouch [here](#) and via the App.

From September 2026, all Year 7 students will be part of a **smartphone-free school day**. This means that Year 7 students should not bring smartphones into school. Instead, if a phone is needed for travel or communication, students should bring a simple “feature phone” (often called a ‘brick phone’).

From September 2026, BHS will be a smartphone-free zone for all Year 7 students. This means:

- Year 7 students **will not bring smartphones** into school (**Smartwatches** are also not permitted)
- If a phone is required, it should be a non-internet enabled **basic feature phone** (calls and texts only) *
- All phones will be securely stored in **signal-blocking pouches** throughout the school day, in line with our established procedures (please refer to the equipment list in the *New Parent Guide*). This approach helps maintain a focused, distraction-free learning environment for all students
- Students will still be able to **contact home via Pastoral Hub** if needed
- Students are welcome to bring in an **air tag** to support parents to track their child before or after school if required

*A non-internet enabled phone, sometimes called a “feature phone” or “brick phone” is one designed solely to use for calls and text messages. Examples of these can be found here <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/alternatives> (look at the “First Phone” section for 11-14 years olds).

Along with other local schools, we have written to the bus companies informing them of our intention to move to a smartphone-free zone for Year 7 students. The bus companies are ready for this. Bus passes or QR codes can be printed off to show bus drivers. If your daughter will be paying for a bus fare, cash is accepted or you have the option of obtaining a prepaid debit card (such as Natwest Rooster).

Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)

All pupils study Modern Foreign Language as part of the Key Stage 3 curriculum.

When your child joins our school, they will study Latin alongside ONE Modern Foreign Language (French OR Spanish). These two subjects will be studied throughout Key Stage 3. Studying one modern foreign language allows students to develop depth and fluency over time and builds confidence which is key to success at GCSE and beyond. The Language your child studies will be determined by their tutor group. You should have already filled in a form to allow us to understand if there is a compelling reason as to why your child should not be assigned a particular language.

In Year 9, selected students will have the opportunity to learn a second Modern Foreign Language (French or Spanish) from scratch through lunchtime lessons. We will ensure that they reach a sufficient standard to continue this language as a GCSE option in Year 10.

You should have already filled in a form stating whether your child is a native speaker of either French or Spanish. This is to enable us to work with you to determine the most suitable language path for them. If your child is a native speaker, the Head of MFL will be in contact with you.

ScoPay - Cashless payment system

On your child's first day at school, we will email instructions on how to set up your child's ScoPay account. You will have until Wednesday 9th September to do this. The App will contain a new link named 'ScoPay' and you will be able to access the instructions from there. This will be the last time you will need to use the App. Further information about ScoPay can be found in the New Parent Handbook which can be accessed via the website porta and Transition App.

Summer Reading Scheme

Our summer reading programme will be launched in May via the Transition App. Please look for this engaging student resource.

Transport, Attendance & Daily Timings

Please refer to the [New Parent Guide](#) for full information on transport, attendance, and daily timings. The school Cafeteria opens at 8:15am and pupils arriving early are invited here, before they are permitted to then go to their form room from 8:40am for 8:50am registration. Absences must be reported via Edulink in the first instance, or they can be reported by phone or email. Please refer to the New Parent Guide for more information.

Uniform & Equipment

Uniform is supplied by SportCrest. House T-shirts are required as part of this. Although at the time of your uniform fitting appointment you will not yet know which house your child has been allocated to, you will need to pay for the House T-Shirt and the supplier will deliver it to school in time for National Transition Day on 7th July.