



6th June 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 6 Transition to Year 7

We are looking forward to welcoming your child to Ely College in September. We know the move to secondary school can be accompanied by worry and enthusiasm for both parents and children. We recognise that your family may need additional reassurance about the process. College staff are working closely with staff in the primary schools to ensure information is shared and that children recognise some staff before they come for their induction day.

House Allocation

It is with great excitement and pleasure than I can inform you that your child will be in Equiano House. The allocation of Houses is completed by our data team using all the information we have about a child. Siblings have been allocated to the same House and then we look to achieve an even distribution of academic ability, additional needs, sporting ability etc. The House the child is in has no impact on their teaching groups or who they can socialise with during their break and lunch times.

Equiano House is named after Olaudah Equiano, an enslaved African who became a key figure in the fight to end the transatlantic slave trade. Kidnapped as a child from modern-day Nigeria, he was sold into slavery before eventually buying his freedom. He later wrote an autobiography. His powerful words and activism played a vital role in the movement to end the slave trade in Britain. The Senior Tutor for Equiano is Mr D Burke and the Student Support Assistant is Mrs E Shaw. Equiano House team can be contact directly via the email address equianohouse@elycollege.co.uk

Induction Events

As part of our transition programme we are running the following events:

Tuesday 10th June 2025 – Virtual family information event 5.30pm-6.30pm

Please use this link to access the event <https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/>

Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th June 2025 – Meet the House Team event 4.45pm-5.15pm

You will have the opportunity to meet your child's Senior Tutor and their Student Support Assistant. You will also gain an understanding of the support a House offers to each child. There will be limited parking on site, so if you live locally, we would appreciate you walking or cycling to the event.

Each House has a specific date and venue:

Tuesday 17th June 2025 (4.45pm-5.15pm)

Etheldreda House – Drama Studio. Please use the main entrance.

Franklin House – A Block Hall. Please use the main entrance.

Scott House – Needhams Hall. Please use the layby entrance.

Thursday 19th June 2025 (4.45pm-5.15pm)

Seacole House – Drama Studio. Please use the layby entrance.

Equiano House – A Block Hall. Please use the main entrance.

Turing House – Needhams Hall. Please use the layby entrance.

A **second-hand uniform sale** will take place prior to both 'Meet the House Team' events on 17th and 19th June and will be held in the main school hall from 4.15-4.45pm. You can access the sale via main reception. The following items will be available for sale (**cash only**), and associated items of uniform:

- Blazers (£10)
- House ties (£1)
- PE tops (£4)

One in College Induction Day for each student 8.40am – 2.45pm:

Wednesday 9th July 2025 – Students from The Isle of Ely, St John's, Littleport Community Primary, Millfield Primary, Rackham, Stretham and all other primary schools except those listed below.

Thursday 10th July 2025 – Students from The Lantern, Downham Feoffees and St Mary's.

Please ensure your child arrives at the main reception, in their primary school **PE kit** at 8.40am. They will leave the college site at 2.45pm via the same entrance. If your child normally walks home unaccompanied, they may do this on their transition day. If your child is going home with an older sibling who already attends college, please can you ensure both children have a prearranged pick-up point. We suggest the college's main reception.

The children will experience a range of lessons during their time with us. Please note that different groups will have different lessons. All children will not experience the same set of lessons. For example, some may have a geography lesson while others undertake a history lesson. The group your children is in will not be the class they will join in September.

Please send your child into college with a packed lunch and a refillable water bottle. If your child normally receives a free school lunch, we will provide a packed lunch for them.

Individual Instrumental Music Lessons

The following individual instrumental lessons are available to your child from September 2025:

Flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone	Mrs Helen Allen
Trumpet, cornet, tenor horn, trombone, tuba	TBC
Violin, viola	Ms Prue Ward
Cello, double bass	Mrs Catherine Johnson
Piano	Mr Stephen Hession
Voice	Mrs Jenny Schofield
Drums	Mr Ian Turner
Classical guitar, acoustic guitar, electric guitar	Mr Cliff Ward
Electric guitar, acoustic guitar, bass guitar	Mr Chris Webb

The cost of lessons varies slightly between Visiting Music Teachers (VMT), depending on whether they work on behalf of Cambridge Music Service or are independent/private tutors. Below are the approximate costs of instrumental lessons:

- 20 minutes per week – between £11 and £13
- 30 minutes per week – between £17 to £19

Each term consists of 10 individual peripatetic music lessons, with the allocated VMT. Lessons will be commencing w/b 8th September 2025.

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If you would like your child to receive instrumental lessons at school, please email Miss Arnold (karnold@elycollege.co.uk) with the following information:

- Name of student
- Instrument of choice

When providing this information, you will also be giving consent for Miss Arnold to pass this information onto our VMT staff who will contact you directly to discuss the details (fees, timetable, hire of an instrument if required).

If you, or your child, have any questions or concerns not addressed in this letter, please explore the transition page on our website www.elycollege.com. Here you can view our welcome video and download our Year 6 students' Information Booklet. If you have any further questions about the transition process, please contact us via email at: transition@elycollege.co.uk

I very much look forward to welcoming you and your child to Ely College and working with you in partnership to ensure their success.

Yours faithfully

Mrs S Goodey
Vice Principal



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