



Welcome to Neston High School

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to welcome you and your child to the Neston High School community.

I hope that your child is looking forward to starting their secondary school journey with us in September. The transition to secondary school is a big step for your young people, but we are committed to making this transition as smooth as possible.

Ours is a vibrant, inclusive community, where students feel valued and empowered to learn the skills and knowledge they need to achieve their academic and personal potential. Whatever your child's background, ability, or interests, we are determined to help them to build the confidence to be themselves and achieve their very best.

When your child arrives at Neston High School, they will quickly learn just how much is on offer to them here, and I hope that they will embrace all that we have available. The more our young people get involved, the more they will get out of their secondary school experience, and whether they are passionate about sports, the arts, STEM, or social change, there are many clubs, activities, and opportunities for them here.

It is a joy to welcome our new Year 7 cohort each year. Although there are some nerves, this is usually far outweighed by their eagerness, positivity and excitement, and we will do our very best to foster this enthusiasm, as we support and celebrate your children along their secondary school journey.

In this welcome pack you will find information about our transition events, including events for both parents and children, and I look forward to meeting you and your child in person at one of these events. Neston High School really is a wonderful community, and I hope that you and your child will enjoy being part of it.

Ms Kirsty Cunningham
Headteacher



Key Dates for Your Diary

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to the Neston High School community, and we have several events planned in advance of September. Please do come along if you can.

New Parents Coffee Morning	Friday 26 th June – 9.30am to 10.45am
Induction Day (Students)	Thursday 2 nd July – 8.30am to 2.45pm
Induction Day (Parents)	Thursday 2 nd July – 6.00pm to 7.30pm
Passport to Neston	Monday 17 th to Wednesday 19 th August – 9.00am to 3.00pm

YEAR 6 TRANSITION EVENT – *PASSPORT TO NESTON* **Monday 17th August to Wednesday 19th August**

We would like to invite your child to the Passport to Neston summer camp.

This camp is an exciting opportunity for your child to get to know other students within their tutor group and house, to meet the staff who will teach them in September, and to learn their way around the school and its grounds.

During the camp, students will take part in a variety of enjoyable subject-based activities, with a team of experienced staff from our PE, Art, English and Science Departments, where they will get the chance to try out some of the activities we offer over the course of three jam-packed days full of fun.

Further details, including costs and what to bring, is available on our website at [Passport to Neston](#).

Bookings open via this page on **Monday 20th April 2026** – please add the camp dates to your calendar in the meantime!

There are enough spaces for everyone, and we look forward to meeting your lovely young people there.



What happens now?

Our Transition Lead, Miss Lee, will be liaising with your child's Year 6 teachers to gather information on our new year group. Your child will have the opportunity to complete an '*All About Me*' form at their current school. This is an important document which gives children a chance to share their thoughts and feelings about their move to Neston High School.

We know that this is an incredibly exciting, but also often a nerve-wracking time for children, and we would recommend visiting the '*BBC Bitesize*' website with your child – this has lots of tips, clips and resources to help your child to get ready for their transition to secondary school:

[BBC Bitesize – Starting Secondary School](#)

To ensure that we can support your child effectively during this transition phase, there are just a few things we also need you to do now.

☐ Complete our survey

Firstly, please let us know whether you would like to accept or decline this offer of a place at Neston High School, by completing the following survey:

[Neston High School Survey - Accept/Decline Place](#)

If you are accepting the offer of a place, this survey will also lead you through a series of questions designed to give us all the information we need to help make sure that a smooth transition can be put in place.

Please complete this survey before **Monday 30th March 2026**.

☐ Let us know about any Special Educational Needs

Mrs Nisbet is our SENDCo and Mrs Hainsworth is our Deputy SENDCo. Together, they will be gathering information regarding arrangements for young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) from our primary school colleagues.

If you have any information that you wish to share regarding your child's educational needs, please contact Ms Lloyd, our SEND Administrator, via admissions@nestonhigh.com, who will arrange for an appropriate colleague from the SEND department to contact you.



☐ **Let us know about any medical needs**

If your child has complex medical needs which have been supported via a Health Care Plan in their primary setting and you have information you wish to share, please contact Ms Lloyd, our SEND Administrator, via admissions@nestonhigh.com, as soon as possible and she will arrange for the appropriate member of staff to contact you.

☐ **Log in to the Parent Portal**

Within the next couple of weeks, we will be sending you details of how to log on to our Parent Portal. You will be able to update student and contact details via the Portal.

When you receive this email from us, please do log on to the Portal as soon as possible.

☐ **If you are in receipt of Free School Meals, contact Cheshire West and Chester (CWAC)**

If your child receives free school meals at their current primary school, you will need to register a change of school with Cheshire West and Chester (CWAC) Local Authority. You can do this by either:

- emailing benefits@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk,
- or visiting the CWAC website and selecting '[Report a change in circumstances](#)'.

If CWAC is not notified of your change in circumstances by the end of this academic year, then we cannot guarantee we will be aware of your child's FSM eligibility in time for the start of September.

☐ **Book your place on our *Passport to Neston* summer camp**

Bookings will open for our *Passport to Neston* summer camp via our website on **Monday 20th April 2026**. Save the date!

Between now and the summer term, you will receive more information from us, including how to log on to the Parent Portal, and a reminder to book your child's *Passport to Neston* place. We usually send this information via email so if you change your email address, please do let us know.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please email admissions@nestonhigh.com and we will direct your query to the most appropriate person.

We look forward to meeting you and your children, and to welcoming you to the Neston High School community.