



July 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly I want to say a massive congratulations to the students who have participated in the transition days. They have been absolutely fantastic and have already shown what an asset they will be to the school and how well they fit in with our #TeamHeanor values. As I discussed on Wednesday evening, it is always a very anxious time for both the students and their families, but they have conducted themselves impeccably.

As was mentioned on Wednesday evening the students received a book from us this afternoon for them to read over the summer. This will form part of our literacy tasks during tutor time when they arrive in September. 'The boy who made everyone laugh' explores themes of acceptance and making new friends, pertinent to the experiences of the year group come September.

I appreciate that some parents were not able to make it on Wednesday and so we have put the slides on our website for you to view. Please do have a read through them and email me if you are unsure of anything that is mentioned within them.

Website of 2026-27 Transition @ HGSA - assembly

I also want to publicly thank Mrs Baker, Mrs Jepson and Mrs Britton for their organisation, support and attention to detail over the course of the last three days. Without them the transition days would not have run so smoothly and your young person would not have had the positive experience they have had.

We do appreciate that there may still be anxieties and nerves after this week's transition days. We have an optional drop in session on Monday 13 July 4.00pm-5.30pm. This is for any parents and their child if they would like an extra tour or you have any further questions following the transition days.

I have had some queries about ties and the colours that you will need to buy. Please see below the colours you will need to purchase for the house your child has been allocated. You can also find the information of which house they are in on their admission confirmation letter.

CPB	Haddon
MGO	Hardwick
CRF	Kedleston
RGB	Chatsworth
CMK	Haddon
BDW	Hardwick
SKI	Kedleston
EAP	Chatsworth
LSB	Haddon
SB	Hardwick

Should you have any questions over the coming months prior to your child starting at Heanor Gate, please do not hesitate to contact me at dbentley@heanorgatespencer.org.uk

Have a lovely summer, I cannot wait to start officially in September as their Achievement Leader.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Bentley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr D Bentley
Achievement Leader - Year 7