



Headteacher: Louise Cowley

Glanville Road
Oxford
OX4 2AU

t: 01865 428200
e info@oxfordspires.anthemtrust.uk

20 April 2026

Welcome from the Transition Team

Welcome to all our new Year 7 students and families joining Oxford Spires Academy.

We are excited for your child to be joining the OSA family and are working closely with your child's primary schools to arrange visits to meet your child and your child's primary school teachers. These visits will give us an opportunity to share a little bit more about OSA and for us to learn a bit more about your child.

We are busy organising the Year 6-7 transition day on **24th June**. On this day your child will be introduced to key staff members, receive their OSA student handbook, meet other students in the same tutor group and experience some secondary school lessons!

We also look forward to meeting all parents and carers on the evening of **24th June** for the Rising Year 7 Parents' Evening. This evening is important in ensuring parents and carers meet the key people in their child's transition to secondary school journey. We will share key information for the upcoming academic year and there will be a chance to ask questions.

Prior to joining us, we require key student information to be checked and updated on our online communication tool 'My Child at School' (MCAS) and the necessary agreements read and signed. Please check the attached information guide on how to complete enrolment – **the deadline for this is 22nd May**.

We are here to support you every step of the way. If you are unsure or require any assistance in completing this process, please contact us via our online enquiry form and a member of the team will be happy to help.

Contact us: [Click Here](#)

Please note the **key dates** for your transition to Oxford Spires Academy:

- Tutor group and house allocations will be sent in the final transition day information sent home mid-June 2026.
- Year 6 Transition Day: Wednesday 24th June (08:45-14:30)
- Rising Year 7 Parents' Evening: Wednesday 24th June 17:30 (Parents only event)
- Year 7 First Day of Term: Thursday 3rd September 2026 at 09:00

The OSA Smartphone Policy

We want to make you aware that Oxford Spires is a **Smartphone Free School** for students. Students are **not** permitted to carry a smartphone on the school site, including breakfast clubs and any afterschool clubs. Students may bring a simple basic phone which must not have a camera or internet access, and it must remain switched off and out of sight throughout the day.





We understand that the move to secondary school is often a moment when children begin to ask for a smartphone, and when parents may feel increased pressure - socially or practically - to provide one. Many families tell us this pressure comes from concerns about safety, friendships, or the desire for children to "fit in."

Our Smartphone Free policy is designed to remove that pressure. By creating a consistent expectation for all students, families no longer need to worry about whether their child will be the "only one" without a smartphone.

Why this policy?

We have taken this step to protect student wellbeing and ensure a calm, focused learning environment. Evidence shows that smartphones contribute to rising anxiety, disturbed sleep, distraction, and online conflict for young people. Our community overwhelmingly supports a move towards healthier, safer habits for children. For more information we recommend the following resource for parents and carers:

<https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/>

Next Steps:

- Read the 'Admission 2026 required information and consents' included in this communication (also available on our website)
<https://www.oxfordspires.anthemtrust.uk/years-7-11/new-year-7-2026>
- Complete the **five** actions needed to completed enrolment at Oxford Spires Academy by **22nd May**.
- Use this form if you require any help or support: [Click Here](#)
- Ensure you have taken a note of the key transition dates for June and September

Kind regards,

Ms Chaffey and Mrs Crook

Assistant Headteacher and Admissions Officer

Meet your Transition Team!



HANNAH CHAFFEY
ASSISTANT
HEADTEACHER



SANDRA CROOK
HEAD OF TRANSITION &
ATTENDANCE



CHARLOTTE COLEY
SENDCO