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11 March 2025

Dear parent /carer,

Transition to Coquet Community School

I am delighted to welcome you and your child to Coquet Community School (previously James Calvert Spence College) as you prepare to join us in September 2026. This is an exciting time for our school community, and I want to take a moment to share some important information as we embark on this new chapter together.

Our school has always been a friendly and caring environment where every pupil is valued and supported. Our values are embodied in six simple, yet powerful words – Be Kind, Work Hard, Aim High. You are joining us at a pivotal moment in our evolution as we prepare to move into a brand-new, state-of-the-art building that will enhance the learning experience for all. In addition, we have fully transitioned from previously being an all-through middle and high school to becoming a secondary school. The new build is progressing well, and we expect to be in from September 2026 as your child begins Year 7 with us.

Since the start of this academic year, we have been working closely with primary school colleagues to ensure a smooth and well-supported transition for our new pupils. We have organised a range of activities designed to help your child settle in confidently. I am including a transition timeline with this letter but here are some of the key dates and activities:

- Monday 2nd March - National offers day for allocation to schools.
- Wednesday 1st July – Day 1 of transition for current Year 6 on current JCSC site.
- Wednesday 1st July 2.00pm – New parent / carer assembly on current JCSC site.
- Wednesday 1st July from 3.30pm – trials for Football Academy.
- Thursday 2nd July – Day 2 of transition for current Year 6 on current JCSC site.

As well as the transition timeline, I am including the details linked to our new school uniform. Ensuring that all of our new pupils have the right uniform and equipment is an essential part of transition and I thank you in anticipation for your support with this.

There will be an opportunity for your children to touch base with primary headteachers and Year 6 teachers in early September when they come to visit the new school. This is so that the new Year 7 can share their transition journey and feel a sense of familiarity. It will also continue to strengthen our relationship with the primary feeder schools.

I will write to you again just after Easter with some more detail on the specific timings and logistics for the very start of term in September. We want the new Year 7 to have some time to get used to the new building before all year groups start their learning.

Thank you for trusting us with your child's education. We are excited to welcome you into our school family and to share in the successes and opportunities that lie ahead.

Please find attached a transition timeline and information on our new school uniform. There is also a useful transition page on our website which you can access here [Year 6 – 7 Transition/ New Starter - James Calvert Spence College](#)

Yours faithfully

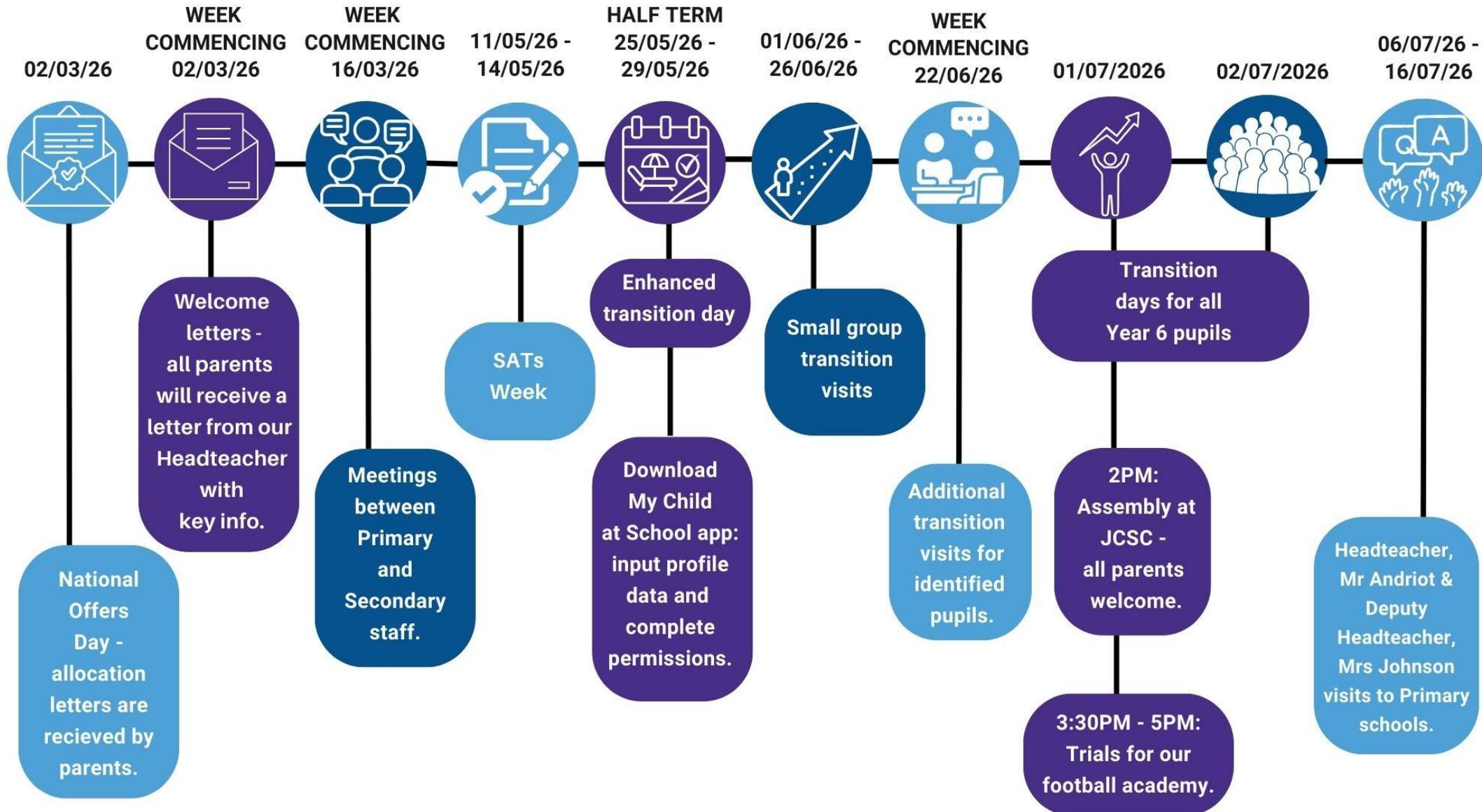


Mr James Andriot

TRANSITION TIMELINE

YEAR 6 PRIMARY - YEAR 7 SECONDARY

**BE KIND
WORK HARD
AIM HIGH**



Information for New Parents: School Uniform for September 2026 Starters

As your child prepares to join our school in September 2026, we want to share our updated school uniform expectations. With our new building and new school name launching next academic year, we will also be introducing a refreshed uniform designed to be smart, practical, and affordable for families.

You will soon be able to view full details of our new uniform on our school website, including where to purchase our branded items - we will share the link with you as soon as it is available.

New School Uniform (from September 2026)

Our updated uniform will consist of the following:

- **Branded navy-blue V-neck jumper (see image)**
- **Branded school tie**, with the tie colour indicating the pupil's year group
 - Your child will keep the same tie for their entire time at the school – it is *not* replaced each year
- **Plain white, unbranded school shirt**
- **Plain charcoal grey school trousers or skirt** (unbranded)

There will be **no changes** to our existing expectations regarding **school shoes** and **coats**.



PE Kit

The PE uniform will remain the same as our current style, but branded PE items will reflect the school's new name.

Our Approach

Both school leaders and governors have carefully reviewed the cost and practicality of the updated uniform. We have intentionally limited the number of branded items to ensure the uniform remains **affordable, easy to source**, and **comfortable for pupils**, while still maintaining a smart and consistent appearance across the school.