

6th July 2023



**DARWEN
VALE**

An Aldridge Community Academy 

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Year 6 Induction Day

I just wanted to write to you to say thank you for all your support over the past two days. It's been great to welcome our new Year 7s to Darwen Vale.

We are making a big effort to be more environmentally friendly so instead of sending our new student's home with a vast booklet, this letter contains the various links to any key pieces of information that you or your child may need for September. This letter will also be on our school website so we have included 'live links' throughout.

All information can be found on our 'Year 6 Induction Zone' on the website by clicking on the 'Key Information' banner at the top or alternatively, click [here](#). Mr Bradley will be updating this page over the coming few weeks to include information on Parent Pay. This is the cashless system which enables students to purchase food from our canteen, pay for school trips and our new house ties.

You will be aware that we are currently consulting on timings for the new school day. A decision will be reached by 15th July, with new timings published on our website under our '[Academy Day](#)' section. Regardless on their usual start time, new Year 7 students need to arrive at **8.20am in the STEM Garden** (the garden area near the car park) on **Wednesday 6th September**. On the first day students should bring their PE kit with them along with their standard equipment (at least two black pens, ruler, pencil, rubber).

Our website contains information on the following topics:

- [Uniform policy](#)
- [My Child At School](#) app (MCAS). We will share more details on this in September.
- [Free School Meals](#)

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact:

Mrs McKenna (Head of Year) - claire.mckenna@darwenvale.com

Mr Smith (Assistant Head of Year) - adam.smith@darwenvale.com

Finally, I would also like to take this opportunity to suggest that you follow us on social media. Our [Facebook](#) & [Twitter](#) pages always contain the latest information and showcase some of the wonderful work that we do here at Vale. We can't wait to welcome our new Year 6s in September!

Yours sincerely,

Mr Little

Principal