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Mercia Academy Y5 Taster Day – 7<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you well. We are inviting Y5 students to experience a taster day at Mercia Academy on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2026. This is designed to help students begin exploring their options for secondary school Year 7 placements for September 2027.

The day will consist of a variety of lessons and activities, mirroring the timetable of current students at our school. Students can expect lessons in maths, English, PE, design technology, art, science and more.

Students should **arrive at the school by 9.00am** and there will be school staff and students at the main entrance to welcome them from **8:45am**. The **day will end at 2:30pm** and children will be dismissed from the gated entrance to central square.

Students should come in their normal school uniform for both days, but also bring with them their PE kit, as there is the possibility they could take part in some PE. Please also bring a pencil case with basic stationary, a water bottle and a packed lunch (unless FSM, we will provide – please state this on the form).

Students can sometimes be nervous about attending a day of this kind; please be assured that your child will be looked after closely during the day. We believe this event will provide a great opportunity for students to gain a better understanding of the transition process and the support we provide to ensure a smooth and successful transition to secondary school.

In order for your child to attend, the below link will take you to a Microsoft form that will ask for the following information: confirmation of attendance, FSM status, emergency contact information and collection arrangements. It is essential this is completed prior to the event.

<https://forms.office.com/e/FBJH77VivU>

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns regarding the event. We look forward to welcoming you and your child to our school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Joe Chamberlain - Transition Coordinator