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Jo and the team have been so helpful, especially in the challenging circumstances such as Covid. Any email or phone call I made with questions were answered almost immediately and to the best knowledge.

The team put in great effort to make the children feel involved and welcome after they were unable to attend their transitional days and it really made myself and my daughter feel at ease.

Everyone has been so friendly to my daughter (teachers and staff) and only just 2 weeks in and she feels like she's been at SA for years.

Thanks.

Mel Edwards, Parent



The pandemic has caused so much disruption to children's lives and education and in particular those facing the move to secondary school during uncertain times have faced some additional challenges. The communication from Shrewsbury Academy from the moment we found out we had been offered a place has been superb, the postcards through the post at various stages for our child were a thoughtful touch, the bag of goodies including further information, equipment to join in virtual taster classes and summer school 2021 was amazing. Our child really enjoyed this and it made up for lack of the usual transition days that usually occur, we're certain that the move in September was so smooth due to all of these factors. They've settled in to the schools routine quickly and has nothing but positive things to say about the staff.

Leah Smith, Parent

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As new parents to Shrewsbury Academy we can't thank the school enough, for the very warm welcome our daughter has received. At every stage of the transition process, from an initial contact, through to our daughters first day, the school has gone above and beyond, to ensure we had all the information we needed. Communication with the school has been excellent; there's been an attention to detail and a noticeable duty of care, which has really set the tone. This experience has demonstrated that the school is genuine in wanting students to be the very best they can be, to be kind, to have integrity in their actions, to take responsibility when necessary, to have respect for their environment, for others and themselves and finally to show courage when needed. The schools values which clearly informed transition planning, will we trust frame how our daughter thinks, learns and what we hope she'll become. It's clear that the school is very much on the right track and heading in the right direction in becoming an outstanding school, of first choice.

Jonathon Shellard, Parent

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I cannot praise Shrewsbury Academy enough with regard to the transition into year 7.

My son has always suffered with anxiety and panic attacks and was terrified of starting secondary school.

He attended the summer school and loved every minute.... He couldn't wait to start full time and we are now 2 weeks in and he's like a different child... We haven't seen any anxiety or worries whatsoever, he's settled in amazingly and has made many new friends.

The support and communication we have received from the school has been fantastic.... We couldn't ask for a better start!

Thank you Shrewsbury Academy.

Craig Smith, Parent

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I am so grateful to the SA transition team for making my daughter's move up to secondary school so smooth. We both had many worries about it but so much was put into the process, through the visits to her primary school, the helpful videos, the transition morning and summer school, she was eased in wonderfully. So much thought and care was put into the process, it could've not gone any better.

Thank you SA!

Jenny Abbott, Parent

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As a parent I was very anxious about my son's transition from Year 6 to secondary because the pandemic and subsequent lockdowns and restrictions meant normal visits were out of the question.

However, I needn't have worried because Shrewsbury Academy rose to the challenge. During the summer term, Mrs Jones and Mrs Everest visited the year 6 children at school to find out a little about each one and who their friends were. My son came out of school that day announcing that he had had a really good day and he was "going to be fine" at Shrewsbury Academy!

Again, Covid ruined plans for transition days so parents were offered a chance to look around the Academy, which we did one Friday afternoon. Mrs Jones, Head of Transition, showed us around. She was welcoming, genuinely enthusiastic about the school and reassuring. We were most impressed with how much she knew about our son, having liaised closely with his Primary school. We instantly knew that he would be treated as an individual at Shrewsbury Academy.

The Academy organised a summer school in August and wow, what a week that was! Wonderful, friendly, fun staff, amazing activities and new friends!
My son still hasn't stopped talking about it!

The communication during the past six months has been brilliant. Not only have there been regular letters and emails, for us parents and for the children too, but whenever I contacted the school with a question I always had a prompt response. Every question, no matter how small, was answered.

Receiving a surprise gift in the post the day before your child is about to embark on their journey in secondary education is just one of the many thoughtful things that Shrewsbury Academy have excelled at this year.

Three weeks into our first term as part of Shrewsbury Academy and we can honestly say we feel part of a family and are definitely proud to be S.A

Clare Holland, Parent

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I feel Shrewsbury Academy have done an amazing job welcoming the new year 7's. My daughter really enjoyed the summer school.

I have received emails, text messages and my daughter had her own postcards from the school.

We had lots of information and I felt that I could contact them at anytime if I had any concerns.

My daughter was abit nervous about facing secondary school, but when it came to going on her first day, she was excited and really looking forward to a new adventure.

Rachel Beasley, Parent

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My son had only been going to school 1 hour a day in his junior school because of his anxiety.

The support staff at Shrewsbury academy are all so amazing... they did everything they could to help my son settle into school. He is now in full time school and is really enjoying his new school. Finally starting to feel happy and settled at school.

Summer school is highly recommended, this also helped him so much.

Debbie Burns, Parent

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As parents we were so apprehensive choosing a secondary school for our daughter without having the chance to look around.

Well there was no need for the apprehension, Shrewsbury Academy were absolutely amazing with the online open evening and transition. Providing fantastic video clips and all the information we needed and more. This enabled us to make an easy decision that Shrewsbury Academy was the best choice of school for us.

Once accepted into the school my daughter enjoyed meeting her teacher in her primary school and even got sent a big pack of learning resources to take part in online lessons.

The summer holidays transition event was brilliant, my daughter really enjoyed it, it gave her a chance to settle in, meet new friends and her teachers. They even got Mr Tee the ice cream van to visit them. All staff are friendly and welcoming and really care about the students welfare and learning.

We are so glad to be part of the Shrewsbury Academy school.

Rachel Evans, Parent

“We would like to say that the transition from Primary to Shrewsbury Academy has been a really great experience for us and our daughter.

In a time made difficult by Covid restrictions and not being able to visit the school initially we were impressed with the presentation made to introduce the school and facilities. Some visits to the Primary School and other video presentations, posted letters and cards also helped us through a time that did not allow for transition days.

We have been impressed by Summer School as it was a very valuable week for the upcoming Y7s to get to know the site and some of the staff.

The staff we have met along the way have been very help, kind and caring.

The first few weeks have gone really smoothly and we are very pleased with the continuous improvement Marches Academy are bringing to Shrewsbury Academy. We are excited to see it grow from strength to strength. Congratulations.

Tracy and Brian Jenkins, Parents

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The whole transition period was managed wonderfully at Shrewsbury Academy and our daughter was fully prepared and eager to start secondary school in September.

As soon as we found out that our daughter had been allocated a place at Shrewsbury Academy we received regular information updates via email and our daughter received regular postal correspondence, which was a really nice touch. Not only were we supplied with all the information needed to prepare our daughter for secondary school (in terms of uniform, equipment, structure of the school day etc...), we were also reassured that she would be welcomed, supported and a valued member of the school community from the outset.

At a time when we could not visit the school in person, we were given great insight into how the school ran through the many videos on the Academy's website and we were always alerted of new videos on the school's Facebook page. By the time our daughter started in September she felt as though she knew some of the key members of staff, had a good idea of her way around the school (thanks to the amazing summer school programme) and was more than ready to take the next step on her academic journey. Thank you for making this big step for children (and parents!) a lot less daunting.

Sioned and Stuart Baldwin, Parents

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Shrewsbury Academy's transition information was fantastic, even though Covid meant that some of the usual things couldn't happen. Our daughter felt part of the school before she had even started in September because of the regular updates and information that she received.

Thank you very much.

Teresa Adams, Parent

“ I would like to let the year 6 parents and carers know how hard the Year 6 Transition staff have worked over the past 9 months, to ensure that the new year 7 pupils had a smooth start to this academic year at Shrewsbury Academy.

The staff have gone above and beyond in keeping in touch with the pupils and getting to know them by visiting them in their junior schools. The children have received personal correspondence in the way of postcards, letters, Grow your own Sunflowers and a summer holiday goodie bag.

The summer school was absolutely fantastic, with staff volunteering their time to come in and provide a fun filled week. I feel this has really helped the children to get to know the school environment and some of the staff. This also gave the staff an opportunity to identify any children that may have more difficulty in adjusting to this move from junior to secondary schools and provide additional support.

The communication for parents and carers has been really informative. The year 6 transition email address has been really useful for any queries. The staff always respond to the emails they receive.

I know the Year 6 Transition staff will go to the same efforts to ensure that the September 2022 intake have the best possible transition into Shrewsbury Academy.

Lisa Williams, Parent