

24 September 2026

Dear Family,

Year 7 Settling In Evening

We are delighted to invite you to our Year 7 Settling In Evening on **Tuesday 6 October** from **3:45pm to 4:45pm**.

Starting secondary school is a significant milestone, and we are incredibly proud of how well our Year 7 students have settled into life at Thorns. This informal event is an opportunity to celebrate their positive start and spend some time in school finding out more about life at Thorns.

During the evening, there will be the opportunity for informal conversations with your child's form tutor, giving you the chance to share how your child has found the transition to secondary school and discuss how they are settling in.

Please note that this is not a formal parents' evening, but an opportunity to check in and strengthen the partnership between home and school.

You will also be able to find out more about:

- How we support students to thrive at Thorns
- Our Literacy for Life themes, assessment and expectations
- Literacy support and how we develop reading and speaking skills across the curriculum
- How Theme Readers work, and the important role they play in developing reading confidence and fluency
- Homework expectations and how students can successfully access and complete their work
- The pastoral and inclusion support available to ensure every child feels safe, valued and successful

We are also pleased to welcome EE, who will be delivering a short session on phone safety and responsible online behaviour. This will provide practical advice and guidance for families on helping young people navigate the digital world safely and confidently.

Whether your child has settled in quickly or has found some aspects of the transition more challenging, we hope this evening will provide a valuable opportunity to ask questions, meet key members of staff and learn more about how we can work together to support your child throughout their journey at Thorns.

We have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know this year's Year 7 cohort and are excited to share the fantastic start they have made since joining our academy.

We hope you can join us and look forward to welcoming you on 6 October.

Warm regards,

M.Cusworth-Yafai

Mr Cusworth-Yafai
**Assistant Principal
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Head of Year 7

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