

May 2026

TASTER DAY– TUESDAY 7th JULY 2026

Dear Parent/carer,

We are really looking forward to meeting your daughter and yourselves on 7th July for taster day. This day allows your daughter to meet her form tutor and other members of her form for the first time. She will also experience taster lessons to give a flavour of what learning at Swakeleys is like as well as beginning to get to know the school before she joins us in September.

TASTER DAY 8.50 – 2.50PM

On Taster Day your daughter will take part in a programme of lessons and activities to give her a taste of life in secondary school. **The day finishes for your daughter at 2.50pm.**

Here is some information about Taster day. Please can we ask that you:

- Arrive at the **Clifton Gardens entrance only no earlier than 5 minutes** before your daughter's primary school is scheduled to arrive as we have a staggered start (please see timings below) – this ensures a calm and organised start for your daughter.
- **Drop your daughter off at the drop-off point** where she will be met by staff and student helpers
- Ensure that your daughter wears her **primary school uniform and trainers.**
- **Bring a packed lunch & bottle of water.** Please note that at break time (before lunch time) there is an option to have a snack provided by our school canteen e.g. a slice of pizza and a drink.
- Ensure that your daughter brings a **pen, pencil and rubber.**
- Reassure your daughter that it is normal if she feels a little apprehensive but that she will enjoy her day.

Arrival times:

In order to register your daughter efficiently and inform her of her form we will have a staggered arrival on Taster Day. This will also help to alleviate the traffic on Clifton Gardens. We politely request that you arrive during your time slot only.

Please arrive between 8.50-9 am	Please arrive between 9-9.10 am	Please arrive between 9.10-9.20 am
Alec Reed Academy Allenby Primary School Beaconsfield Primary School Belmore Primary Academy Blair Peach Primary School Botwell House Catholic Primary School Charville Academy Cherry Lane Primary School Colham Manor Primary School Coteford Junior School Cowley St Laurence CofE Primary School Cranford Park Academy Deanesfield Primary School Downe Manor Primary School Dr Triplett's CofE Primary School Gifford Primary School Glebe Primary School Grange Park School Harmondsworth Primary School Heathland School Heathrow Primary School	Hayes Park School Hermitage Primary School Hewens Primary School Highfield Primary School Hillingdon Primary School Holy Family Catholic Primary School Iqra Slough Islamic Primary School John Locke Academy Lake Farm Park Academy Laurel Lane Primary School Minet Junior School Oak Farm Primary School Oldfield Primary School	Pinkwell Primary School Rabbsfarm Primary School Rosedale Primary School Ruislip Gardens Primary School Ryefield Primary School Springwell School St Andrew's CofE Primary School St Bernadette Catholic Primary School St Catherine Catholic Primary School St Helen's College St Martin's CofE Primary St Matthew's CofE Primary School St Raphael's Catholic Primary School The Breakspear School The Gerrards Cross CofE School Three Bridges Primary School Tudor Primary School West Drayton Academy Whitehall Junior School William Byrd Primary Academy Wood End Park Academy Yeading Junior School

PARENT COFFEE MORNING:

We are looking forward to you joining our Swakeleys community and research shows that the more engaged families are with secondary school the greater progress their child makes.

We would like to invite you to Swakeleys to attend a coffee morning on the 7th July following dropping your daughter to her taster day. We have arranged the start time of the parent meeting to co-ordinate with the taster day drop-off timings and to avoid the heavier traffic whilst Swakeleys students are being dropped to school. The coffee morning will begin at **9.30am and finish at 10.30am**. Please feel free to come to the hall once you have dropped your daughter off at the allocated time for her primary school.

If you are unable to attend the coffee morning we will share the information on the school website. We will also have two further opportunities for you to join us at our Year 7 Safe, Settled & Successful Evening on Wednesday 23rd September and our We Listen Day where you and your daughter will have a 1-2-1 conversation with a member of the year 7 team in mid-October.

Parent coffee meeting 9.30am – 10.30am: we will talk through how we can support your daughter's transition to secondary school together with Mrs Hare – Deputy Headteacher & Leadership Group Link to year 7 and myself (YLC).

Please complete the Google Form to confirm that you are able to attend the parent coffee morning on the 7th July. The link is: <https://forms.gle/jCBZ3gvZD69VtBdu9>

Collection in the afternoon: Upon arrival to collect your daughter, there will be some parking available on site which you will be directed to, please use the Clifton Gardens entrance only. However, as parking is limited it may be best to park on the surrounding roads and walk in to the school but these roads are residential. Parking is available from 2.30pm

As a reminder, please see the dates that W&S Sports will be at Swakeleys to try uniform on:

Date	Time	Host
Wednesday 3 rd June	3.30pm – 6pm	W&S
Tuesday 7 th July	3pm – 6pm	W&S
Saturday 11 th July	9am – 12pm	W&S
Saturday 18 th July	9am – 12pm	W&S
Saturday 25 th July	9am – 12pm	W&S
Thursday 6 th August	10am – 12pm	W&S
Thursday 2 nd July	3.30pm – 6pm	Swakeleys' PTA

We look forward to welcoming you and your daughter to Swakeleys School for Girls and are excited about sharing your daughter's secondary school journey with you.

Kind regards,

Miss Allan

Year 7 Learning Co-ordinator & Transition Co-ordinator

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