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Dear Year 7 Parents and Carers,

Talk About Transition Workshops

We are delighted to let you know that on Friday 23rd October, Year 7 pupils will be off timetable for half a day to take part in an engaging Transition Workshop, in partnership with the Jack Petchey Foundation. The workshop is designed to support pupils as they continue settling into secondary school by building positive relationships, promoting wellbeing, increasing confidence in their new surroundings, strengthening connections with peers and developing their speaking and listening skills. During the session, pupils will reflect on their transition to secondary school, create a personal transition profile, discuss opportunities and challenges they have encountered, set goals for the year ahead and take part in a range of collaborative speaking activities with their peers.

The workshops will take place as follows:

- **Morning session:** 7 Gadwall, 7 Hobby, 7 Redpoll and 7 Skylark
- **Afternoon session:** 7 Brambling, 7 Kestrel, 7 Mallard and 7 Wren

Please note that the **afternoon session will run until 3.30pm**. Pupils in these tutor groups will therefore leave school slightly later than usual, **no later than 3.35pm**. Registration will take place before the session concludes.

We are excited for Year 7 to benefit from this opportunity and look forward to hearing about their experiences throughout the day.

A huge thank you to the Wanstead High PTA, whose generous funding has made this workshop possible. Their continued support enables us to provide valuable enrichment opportunities beyond the classroom, helping to enhance pupils' personal development, confidence and wellbeing. At a time when school budgets are increasingly stretched, it can be challenging to invest in additional experiences such as these, despite the significant benefits they bring to young people. We are therefore extremely grateful to the PTA for their ongoing commitment to our school community and for helping to ensure that opportunities like this remain available to our pupils.

Yours faithfully,

Helise Martin
Deputy Headteacher