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HANDSWORTH
SECONDARY SCHOOL



January 12, 2026

Re: Grade 7-8 Transition to Handsworth Secondary School

Dear Parents/Guardians/Caregivers of Grade 7 Students,

The intention of this letter is to provide you with information on the transition process from Grade 7 into Grade 8 that will support your child(ren) as they embark on the next chapter of their educational journey. We encourage you to take an active role in this process and ask that you please make note of the important dates below:

Part 1: Grade 7 Classroom Visits: January 28th- 30th, 2025

A team from Handsworth will visit Grade 7 classrooms for an introduction and presentation on Grade 8 course selection options and Handsworth's extra-curricular opportunities. These visits will take place during the school day at your child's elementary school.

The purpose of these visits is:

- To begin to build a sense of community and connection to Handsworth
- To answer any initial questions students may have about high school
- To create an understanding of the course selection options and process

Course selection forms will be provided to Grade 7 teachers for distribution to students (and indirectly, their parents/guardians) after the classroom visits.

Completed course selection forms are due back to your child's Grade 7 teacher by Wednesday February 25th.

Part 2: Grade 7-8 Family Night: Thursday, February 5th, 2026 at 6:00pm

Presentation for parents and guardians of current Grade 7s is on Thursday, February 5th at 6:00pm in the Handsworth Theatre. This presentation is geared towards Parents/Guardians/Caregivers and due to space restrictions Grade 7 students are not expected to attend. The presentation will provide general information about Handsworth Secondary, specific information about Grade 8 courses and program offerings, and important information for Grade 7's transitioning into secondary school.

For those interested and able to arrive early on this evening, Handsworth students will be hosting tours of the school at 5:15pm. Anyone who is interested in a tour should enter Handsworth through the main doors. Once there, they will be met with student volunteers who will walk them through a tour of the school.



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Part 3: Grade 7s Visit to Handsworth: Spring 2026

Grade 7 classes will visit Handsworth to attend to tour the school, meet teachers, and make connections with fellow Grade 7 students. Your child's Grade 7 teacher(s) will provide you with the specific details for the day in the spring, so please stay tuned!

On behalf of the Handsworth community, we look forward to meeting you and your child(ren). If you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to via email at handsworth@sd44.ca or phone 604-903-3600.

For up-to-date information regarding Handsworth Secondary School, please visit our [website](#).

Sincerely,

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