

June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to provide some further details about the transition process at The Derby High School. Apologies that this information has been delayed in coming to you. We have had to alter our plans due to recent government announcements whilst still ensuring that we could offer your child a positive transition experience. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for returning the information that we asked for in the last letter – a polite reminder for those who have not yet sent in the relevant documents to do so as soon as possible.

#### School visits: -

Myself and my colleagues have really enjoyed meeting your children at their primary schools. We have been made to feel very welcome; they have asked lots of amazing questions and been a credit to you and their teachers.

#### Year 6 Transition Day: -

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions we cannot hold the full year 6 transition day as we had hoped. We still want your child to visit The Derby so we have decided to invite primary school groups/ bubbles to come on a familiarisation visit if they are able to do so; these will last 1-hour approx. and involve a tour of the building and an opportunity for the children to ask questions.

A risk assessment has been completed and we ask that pupils all wear masks (unless exempt) and complete lateral flow tests prior to and after the visit.

#### Year 6 induction evening: -

The induction evening for parents/carers will take place by Zoom on Thursday 1st July at 6pm when you will have the opportunity to ask questions. The zoom link will be sent to you by email on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June.



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### Summer school: -

We are pleased to confirm that all year 6s are invited to attend a week long summer school in August. This will be an important part of the transition process. You will receive correspondence about this very soon which will explain things in more detail and include information about how to sign up. Here are some brief facts: -

- *It will run from Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug – Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Aug*
- *9am – 3pm*
- *Pupils will be in their form groups so they can meet new friends before September*
- *All food and refreshments are provided.*
- *The timetable will include English and Maths, Drama and Singing workshops, Sports, Fitness and Wellbeing Workshops and an onsite activity day(eg climbing, laser quest, archery etc)*
- *On the final afternoon there will be a sports finale*
- *All students will get a: drawstring bag including a pencil case, pens, pencil, ruler, rubber, highlighter, drinks bottle and scientific calculator, dictionary and thesaurus, study guides and workbooks and a PC tablet at the end of the week!*

### Uniform – ties

The uniform list is on the website. We are delighted to inform you that we will be presenting your child with their school tie on the first day of year 7 and so there is no requirement for you to purchase one.

If you have any questions, please direct them to Mrs. J Kiely at the school in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

*Mrs J Szpunar*

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