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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: New Intake 2021-22 - Year 6 Transition

As we approach the final half term of the year, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Trinity community and say how pleased we are to have your son/daughter joining us in September.

We are very aware that the normal route to your child joining us at Trinity has been disrupted and challenging because of the pandemic and we aim to provide regular updates with our Transition to Trinity programme to keep you informed about next steps and how you can support your child with their transition to secondary school.

We understand that this may also be a time of anxiety and uncertainty, particularly as the SATs exams have been cancelled, and students do not know what to expect in terms of their learning or teachers at secondary school.

Rest assured, our Year 7 team are doing their utmost to make contact 'virtually' to learn as much as they can from our feeder primary schools, both academically and pastorally. This will help us provide the correct support in the transition to Trinity and make the step up as smooth as possible. Once all information has been collected, this will also allow us to proceed with organising our form groups. You will receive information about which form your child will be in later this term, we also hope to plan for some virtual meetings between parents, students and form tutors in the next half term.

Our Learning Support Team are also speaking to primary schools to ensure that we have accurate information about each child's specific needs and current support. This will enable us to make informed decisions about what support to offer when we start the new academic year. If you have a specific question relating to SEN support, please email Mr Brentnall - gbr@trinity.cumbria.sch.uk.

A big positive this year is that the Year 7 Induction Day can go ahead, and we will be delighted to meet your son/daughter in person on Monday 5 July, further details about the arrangements for this will follow in due course.

In the meantime, to help orientate yourself with the school, we are in the process of updating our webpage called 'Transition to Trinity' <https://trinity.cumbria.sch.uk/transition-to-trinity> which has a huge amount of helpful information within it, including:

- Links to departmental areas with videos welcoming you from key staff - allowing you to put names and faces to different subjects.
- Activities for your children to have a go at within each subject area - designed to let them explore each subject and have a go at some new and exciting activities within each curriculum area. They are designed to be fun, engaging, and allow them to explore what will be new in Year 7! There is no expectation that the activities should be completed by September, but we would encourage your children to try out a range of challenges across the range of subjects on offer.
- A curriculum overview showing the kind of things that they will learn in each subject during their time in Year 7.
- Information about the school ranging from uniform, school day, dinners, clubs, activities and FAQs - which I'm sure will help to answer some of the many questions your child may have!



Please find below an overview of the things we are currently doing for transition; additional correspondence will be sent over the coming weeks.

- May/June - We are continuing to liaise with your child's primary school to inform us about pastoral and academic matters to help us build a picture of our incoming Year 7 cohort. We are also hosting some zoom meeting between Ms Constant, our head of Year 7 and our feeder primary schools, to allow an opportunity for questions and to talk with some of our current Year 7 students.
- Early June - Transition to Trinity webpage - this is currently being updated for 2021 and we hope to share it with you by early-June. This will have a huge amount of information contained within it, to help answer your questions about the school and show you the different departments and key staff, we look forward to you seeing it!
- Late June - Information from primary school regarding working groups will help us to build our form groups and allocate form tutors.
- Monday 5 July - Year 6 Induction Day and Virtual Parents' Evening. We will set up a virtual meeting with yourselves and your child's form tutor, following on from the Induction Day, once the form groups have been finalised, more details to follow.
- Mid July - Further communication about plans for September regarding arrangements for the next academic year, including a parental information evening in school early scheduled for September.

If you have not yet returned the Student Information form that you received from us in our previous letter, please return this ASAP. If you require a new form, please contact us.

Should you have any specific concerns about your child's transition to secondary school, please do contact us at transition@trinity.cumbria.sch.uk and keep an eye out for us on Twitter @TrinSchCarlisle for the latest updates and news of what's happening in our school community.

Yours faithfully

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