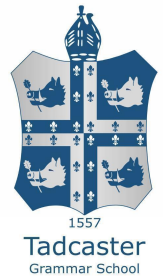


Be Your Best Self

7th May 2021



Dear Parents, Carers and our incoming Year 7's

Transition 2021

When we wrote to you in March we explained that we really did not know the shape of what we would be able to offer in terms of our traditional transition experiences and we are pleased to say we can now share with you some more concrete plans. Of course our wish above all was to invite our incoming Year 7 students to our school during the summer term to experience a TGS school day and meet their future classmates and tutors. However after discussion with the Trust and partner schools and alongside careful review of our current COVID secure working practices we are unable to host students from multiple schools on traditional transition days. The implications of a positive case amongst our incoming student body could result in a mass bubble closure across multiple school settings and this is not a risk that we would wish to take. In addition, our current operational organisation does not lend itself to allowing the new Year Group access to the breadth and scope of our school and its curriculum.

Our dedicated Transition Team has built on the success of the work they undertook last year to provide a meaningful transition for our current Year 7, who I can reassure you made a positive transfer to secondary school despite the restrictions. We are currently planning to offer the following transition activities:

1. Visits from the Transition Team to Year 6 classes for Q&A sessions
2. Supported visits to meet key staff for students who have been highlighted as vulnerable by their school.
3. Opportunities for single entry students and those coming in smaller numbers from one school to visit the school after hours.
4. Opportunities for families to visit the school after hours if this is seen as a significant need.
5. A Virtual Year 6 Transition Evening - **Thursday 1 July 2021** - an opportunity for parents and students to learn more about the school, key staff and what September will look like.

This is a brief overview of our plans which we are still developing, as and when we update them we will be in touch. If you haven't already, please take a look at our dedicated Transition webpage [Transition to TGS](#). It is full of useful information and introductions from key staff, including from Miss Hodgson as Head of Year and Mr Bass as Pastoral Officer. We are excited to introduce them to you, they are both experienced colleagues, who successfully supported Year 7 into TGS last year. The webpage will continue to be updated and if you have any suggestions about what you would like to see on there please contact us.

We already feel we are getting to know your child as we have almost completed our conversations with their Year 6 teachers and are loving reading the Student Passports that have already been sent in. Thank you! If you have any urgent queries about transition, please contact Nici Clarke (transition@tgs.starmat.uk). We look forward to you joining the TGS family.

Yours sincerely

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