

22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020

Dear Future Year 7 Student,

### **Starting at Isca Academy**

Moving to secondary school can be both exciting and daunting. This is even more so now, in these unusual times when we are not able to attend school or do the things we normally take for granted, such as seeing our family and friends or going to the park.

We wanted to reassure you that we are still progressing with our plans for you to join us in September and are very much looking forward to welcoming you to our school. However, this year we will do things 'virtually' instead of face to face. Instead of visiting you at your primary school, we will be sending you an electronic form to complete, which will ask you for the same information as we would have asked on our visits. We will also ask your parents and your teachers to send us information through an electronic form. This means that we can use this information to plan and allocate you to tutor groups taking into account the same things that we normally do, such as friendships. It is very important that you ask your parents to let us know if they change their contact details i.e. telephone number or email address.

We are not sure how long our school will be closed but we will do our best to ensure that, if it is safe to do so, you have some time at Isca Academy during the Summer term. We are also still planning our Summer school, where you will get an opportunity to meet other students in your year group, whilst taking part in fun team building activities. We will send out more information about this throughout the term.

Many of the activities to which we would normally invite you have had to be postponed, but we are sharing some of the great work our students are doing via social media. Do listen to our Performance Platforms on You Tube, where our gifted musicians have performed in their homes and shared this with us; look out for the latest performances on <https://www.youtube.com/user/iscaacademy>.

As we get nearer the end of the Summer term, we will be setting you tasks to complete in readiness for starting at Isca Academy. In the meantime, make sure you keep up to date with the home learning set by your primary school and keep reading (remember Isca Academy is a Reading School). If you have read a great book whilst you have been at home, we would love to receive your review. Write it, take a photo of it and send it to [Intake2020@iscaexeter.co.uk](mailto:Intake2020@iscaexeter.co.uk).

If you or your parents have any questions about starting at Isca Academy, please email them to [Intake2020@iscaexeter.co.uk](mailto:Intake2020@iscaexeter.co.uk) and will get back to you as soon as we can.

We very much look forward to seeing you soon. In the meantime, please stay safe.



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