



26th June 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Transition to Isca Academy

As we race towards the end of term, the guidance regarding the transition from primary to secondary school is ever changing. However, we are now in a position to update you on the plans being made.

Transition Days

As detailed in my previous letter, we have been working closely with primary head teachers across the city to ensure that your child has the best transition experience possible in current circumstances. As part of this, we are now able to offer your child the opportunity to come into Isca Academy to meet their Year 7 tutor, without impacting on the end of term activities offered by their current school. In addition to meeting with their allocated tutor, they will be able to take home their own personal copy of the book *Wonder* for them to read over the holidays. These **Year 6 Transition Days** will take place on **23rd and 24th July 2020**. Your child will only need to attend one of the two days, however we would be grateful if you could keep both dates open for the time being. We will confirm arrangements with you in more detail in the next week or so.

Where possible, we have tried to allocate students to a tutor group with one person they have requested through the information gathering undertaken previously. Students will not necessarily be in teaching groups with their tutor group peers. Teaching groups and timetables will be issued on the first day of term.

Summer School

We are still planning to hold our **Summer School**, however we are yet to finalise the details as the situation remains fluid. All covid-19 related safety guidelines will be stringently adhered to so as to ensure that students and staff remain safe throughout. We would be very grateful, therefore, if you could make a note in your diary that Summer School will most likely take place from **18th to 21st August 2020**. Again, your child will only need to attend one of these days and will receive an invitation as soon as arrangements have been finalised with our provider.

School Uniform

Due to current circumstances, we have needed to change our normal process for purchasing uniform; a guide is enclosed detailing how this will be managed this year. In order to place a uniform order, you will need to know which 'House' your child will join in Year 7 and log-in information to access the school's on-line payment service, SCOPay. This will be posted to you shortly.

Sparx

We are delighted to see that many of our students have already undertaken the first Sparx Maths class with great success, despite some teething issues with the programme, for which we apologise. Mr Barratt, our Head of Mathematics, is working closely with colleagues at Sparx to rectify these as quickly as possible.

Transition Coffee Morning

Many thanks to parents who have been emailing us with queries in preparation for September. We appreciate that this is a most unusual time to transition into secondary school, which is a significant step for children and parents at the best of times. We will, therefore, be holding a virtual coffee morning on **Monday 6th July at 11.30am** for you to ask any questions you may have about arrangements for transition. Mr

Goldson, Head of Year 7, Mrs Carter, SENCo, and myself will be there to assist. In order to join the coffee morning, you will need to access the coffee morning please click on this link <https://meet.google.com/zaq-barz-nqr?hs=122&authuser=0>. We would be grateful if you could submit your general questions about transition in advance of the event by emailing these to: intake2020@iscaexeter.co.uk, titling your email *Coffee Morning*. We will, of course, not be able, in the open forum, to answer questions specific to individual children; please continue to raise these with us via email.

We very much look forward to beginning your child's transition to Isca Academy in earnest and to meeting them on either 23rd or 24th July. If you have any queries in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ali Moxey', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Ali Moxey
Assistant Head -Operations