



Tuesday 1st March 2022

Dear Parent/ Carer

Welcome to Isca Academy

We are delighted that your child will be attending Isca Academy in September; we very much look forward to welcoming your child and to meeting you in the near future.

I know they will be excited about coming to secondary school and Isca Academy is certainly a fantastic place to develop personally and learn. We pride ourselves on being supportive, caring and fun but we also have very high expectations and aspirations for our students in terms of their academic and personal success.

At Isca Academy we provide students with opportunities to shine, through excellent teaching, our vibrant and rich extracurricular and personal development provision (iLife) and a curriculum that challenges and inspires them from the start of Year 7. There are so many wonderful opportunities at Isca, including a whole school musical, outdoor expeditions such as Exe Valley Challenge, Ten Tors and DofE; a wide variety of sporting clubs to name a few of the exciting enrichment activities on offer. We are also pleased to be able to reinstate our week long residential to Adventure Bude which will be open to all Year 7 students in September 2022; more information to follow.

We have a comprehensive transition process at Isca that ensures the move between primary and secondary school is a supported, personalised and smooth process that recognises the needs of each individual child.

Our pledge to you for your transition to Isca Academy can be seen below:

- We will do everything we can to ensure that every Ted Wragg Trust child has the best possible transition between Primary and Secondary schools. We will stay in contact with all Primary schools and provide contact details so communication can be effective and timely.
- We will provide every child with exciting opportunities including:
 - A video introducing and preparing every child to secondary school life.
 - Every child will receive a book to read by the time they start secondary school. An audio file will also be available to support them with this.
 - A chance to complete a writing task. This will involve writing to their new tutor, introducing themselves, outlining what their hobbies are, what they are looking forward to about starting at their secondary school, as well as what they are worried about.
 - An introductory Maths course via our exciting and highly successful SPARX programme. 'SPARX Maths' (SMVC/ Sparx Maths virtual classroom). This programme is used to deliver Maths in all of our Trust Secondary schools.
 - A Knowledge Organiser 'Getting to know your school' and instructions on how to use 'cover, write check' as a method to check what your child has learnt about their Secondary school.



Henry Goldson, our Head of Year 7, will be your main point of contact during the next few months. He will be visiting your child's school next term, together with our SENDCo, to meet the Year 6 teachers and/or the Head of Year 6 to discuss every student who is coming to our school in September. He will also meet with the Year 6 students to talk to them about life at Isca and answer any questions and ease any concerns that they may have. Mr Goldson will also talk to the students about the two-day transition programme that will take place on site in the Summer Term.

We will be holding our New Intake Parents' Evening on **Wednesday, 29th June 2022 from 4.30pm to 6.30pm**. We will write to you nearer the time regarding this event with additional information about the school. Please put the date in your diary now, as the evening will give you an opportunity to meet your child's tutor and key members of the Academy Leadership Team and Teaching Support Staff.

We are delighted that the Transition Day for our Year 6's has been extended this year to two days. This will take place on **Thursday 30th June and Friday 1st July 2022**. This provides an excellent opportunity for our new Year 7 students to meet their tutor and other students from our feeder schools. They will follow a timetable for the two days to get a taste of what being a student at Isca Academy will be like.

The School website also provides a range of information, including copies of recent school newsletters, details of forthcoming events and many other aspects of school life, and this can be found at www.iscaexeter.co.uk.

Please remember to put the following dates in your diary:

1. Wednesday, 29th June 2022: 4.30 – 6.30pm: Welcome Evening for all of our new Year 7 Parents and students
2. Thursday, 30th June and Friday 1st July Transition Days for our new Year 7 students

In the meantime, if you have any further questions at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact our admission team at intake2022@iscaexeter.co.uk.

We are very keen to do everything we can to support you and your child during their transition to Isca Academy and we look forward to meeting you both in person to start your Isca journey.

Our main form of communication is via email, so please make sure you look out for our emails and that any messages from this address do not find their way into your junk mail. We will be in touch shortly, outlining some important dates and events that may be of interest to you and your child.

We can't wait to meet you.

Yours sincerely,

Aimee Mitchell
Headteacher