



March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Welcome to Isca Academy**

We are delighted that your child will be attending Isca Academy in September 2023. We really look forward to welcoming you as part of our Isca community and your child as an Isca scholar on their journey with us to achieve beyond their wildest imagination.

I know they will of course be excited about joining Isca Academy and we are proud to say that our scholars are at the heart of everything we do, and we are relentless in the pursuit of excellence for every individual. We **I**nspire our scholars, celebrate their **S**uccesses, care about our **C**ommunity and have the highest **A**mbition for every single child.

At Isca Academy we provide our scholars with every opportunity to succeed academically through excellent teaching and our academically rigorous curriculum. We offer a wide range of ambitious subject options, and combine this with an outstanding extra-curricular provision.

At Isca Academy we also ensure all students have the very best character and leadership building opportunities as part of our '*Isca Award*' scholar development programme. This is our exciting new rewards and enrichment offer, allowing every student to have every opportunity to build their character, self-esteem and ambition on their Isca journey. We can't wait to share with you all the amazing opportunities that await our new Isca scholars in September.

We feel very proud to be part of the Ted Wragg Trust an ambitious and inclusive Trust of schools strengthening our communities through excellent education, transforming lives and making the world a better place. Our comprehensive and supportive transition process helps to ensure that the move between primary and secondary school is a positive, personal and smooth process that recognises the needs of each individual child.

### **Our pledge to you for transition at Isca Academy:**

- We will do everything we can to ensure that every child has the best possible transition. We will stay in contact with all Primary schools and provide contact details so communication can be effective.

### **We will provide every scholar with incredible opportunities including:**

- A video introducing and preparing every scholar to secondary school life.
- Every scholar will receive a book to read by the time they start Isca.
- An opportunity to complete an extended writing task - introducing themselves to their new tutor, what their hobbies are, what they are looking forward to about starting at Isca and what they are worried about.
- An introductory Maths course via our ambitious and highly successful SPARX programme. 'SPARX Maths' (SMVC/ Sparx Maths virtual classroom).
- A Knowledge Organiser 'Getting to know your school' and instructions on how to use cover, write check to check what your child has learnt about Isca.

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Mr Black, Head of Year 7, 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 Black will also talk to the students about the two-day transition at Isca.

We will be holding our New Scholars Parents' Evening on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> July from 4.30pm to 6.30pm. We will be writing to you nearer the time regarding this evening with additional information about our school, but please put the date in your diary as the evening will give you an excellent opportunity to meet your child's tutor and key members of the Senior Leadership Team and Teaching Support Team.

We are delighted that the Transition Day for Year 6s has been extended this year to two days. This will take place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023. This gives an opportunity for Year 6 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](http://www.iscaexeter.co.uk).

Please remember to put the following dates in your diary:

<b>Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023:</b> <b>4.30 – 6.30pm</b>	Welcome Evening for all Year 6 Parents and scholars
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023</b>	Transition Days for Year 6 students

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

Our main form of communication is via email, so please make sure you look out for these. We will be in touch again shortly, outlining some important dates and events that may be of interest to you and your child.

In the meantime, if you have any further questions at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact our admission team at [admissions@iscaexeter.co.uk](mailto:admissions@iscaexeter.co.uk).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Vicki Joyce', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mrs Vicki Joyce  
Headteacher