

Dear all,

I hope this letter finds you safe, well and now adapting to living and working within the current lockdown restrictions.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to the Park High School family - we are very much looking forward to working with you over the next five years to ensure your child can be the best they can possibly be! All be it remotely, the Park High pastoral team are now about to start collating information on our new starters, working closely with primary schools to ensure we get detailed information on our new Year 7 students to allow a smooth and happy transition. This is, without doubt, one of our favourite times of the year as it really helps us to feel like we know our students before they have stepped through the doors.

Staff at Park are hugely excited about welcoming our new year 7's and together we have lots of initiatives planned to give them as much information, settle nerves and reassure them (and you!) as they embark on this exciting move. In preparation for these initiatives I would like to share with you our [New Starters 2021](#) which can be found on the Park High school website (parents section). This will be where all key information and updates will be shared and stored as well as videos and assembly messages from our staff who are now becoming increasingly more skilled at engaging students from afar! Indeed if you visit this page now, there are welcome messages for our new families from our Head Boy and Head Girl.

The following initial timeline aims to confirm the next steps in the Transition to Park journey:

- **Week beginning 12th April.** Park High Data Collection and Emergency Information forms will be distributed for completion electronically. GDPR consent forms will also be shared.
- **Transition Roadshows** are planned to take place throughout May- Mrs A Coward and a selection of students will visit (virtually or in person depending on Covid restrictions moving forwards) to enable Year 6 students to meet key staff and join in a question-and-answer session.
- **Further information and updates** regarding on-site visits and summer school will follow as soon as the Government has reviewed lockdown, restrictions, and social distancing throughout June.
- **The New Parents Information Evening** for parents of new starters traditionally takes place towards the end of June. Due to the Covid19 pandemic this is currently being prepared as a virtual information share consisting of videos and recorded presentations.

Despite the current national restrictions please be reassured that we have our new families' very best interests at heart, and we will do everything we possibly can to ensure they have a happy and memorable move to high school.

Kind regards
Mrs A Coward

Transition lead