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### Transition Update - 31st March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

I am writing to provide an update on our current transition programme and provide some additional information on what to expect after the Easter Break.

### **Information Evening**

Many thanks to those who took the time to complete the evaluation on this month's Information Evening. The feedback we have acquired has been extremely useful in helping us to plan for next year's meeting and to help the school prepare for our second meeting in June.

If you would like to evaluate or suggest items to be discussed at our next meeting, please feel free to add your comments using the link below:

#### https://tinyurl.com/P7EvForm

#### **Summer Term**

After Easter, we will continue to progress through our transition plan and timetable. This will hopefully include visits to meet primary pupils in the playgrounds of each primary school by some members of staff. We also hope to deliver some physical transition activities, where allowed, in the outdoor spaces of each school. This will obviously be dependent on Scottish Government guidance at the time and will more than likely take place in June.

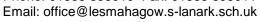
As part of the summer term plans, we hope to deliver sessions in Music, Drama and PE. We will also share an English task with pupils to complete digitally with instructions from our Head of Department, Ms Parsons.

As we near the summer break, we will also ask all P7 pupil to complete a profile of themselves, which will be shared with staff in preparation for August. This will give our staff a chance to get to know pupils, their hobbies and interests.

We will also be sharing our Spotlight Presentations from each area of the school on our P7 Transition webpage. These presentations will be shared on a weekly basis and will provide insight into the different departments and the staff who work in our school. I strongly encourage all parent, carers and pupils to engage with these.

#### **Virtual Tour**

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We are delighted to be releasing our virtual tour of the school after the Easter Break, which our fantastic AV Technician, David Dobb, created for us with the help of our School Captains and Vice-Captains. This will be shared on our designated P7 Transition page. Please find the link at the bottom of this letter.

### **Preparation for August**

As you will be aware, we have been regularly meeting with staff from our partner primary schools and collecting information on each pupil in preparation for them starting in August. This has allowed us to create plans and arrange supports in order to meet the needs of all pupils, ensuing they have a positive start at Lesmahagow High School. Our planning and preparations for August will continue throughout the summer term. We are awaiting further guidance on school transition visits and will inform you if we are permitted to offer these, once we know more. However, we will continue to share transition tasks virtually for pupils to engage with on our transition page.

# S1 Google Classrooms and Class Lists

As we near the summer break, we hope to invite all pupils into their registration Google Classroom. These classrooms will reflect the class to which each pupil has been assigned for starting in August (e.g. 1K, 1L etc.). This will provide all pupils the opportunity to familiarise themselves with their peers and Pupil Support Teacher.

# **P7 Transition Webpage**

We continually update this page with relevant information including upcoming events, addition tasks for pupils, information on school uniform and a link to our Question / Concern Form. Please continue to check this page for updates and additional information.

http://www.lesmahagow.s-lanark.sch.uk/p7-transition/

### School App

Our school app is one of our main formats for communicating with parents and carers. The app can be filtered so that you only receive messages pertinent to your child. I would advise all parents and carers to download this app, as we will use this method to share information regarding transition after the Easter Break.

Information on how to download the app can be found below:

http://www.lesmahagow.s-lanark.sch.uk/school-app-3/

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very peaceful and relaxing Easter Break.

Yours sincerely,

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