



13 July 2020

Transition to Year 7 September 2020 update

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well.

The transition journey to Canon Slade School has had to adapt and look different this year. We understand it is such an important and momentous journey and we have tried to offer a comprehensive transition package that sets the highest expectations for our students in such difficult times.

As a school, we have had to adapt rapidly over the past few months and, since the start of the lockdown, we have continued to be open for vulnerable pupils and children of critical workers and have been using online learning platforms for all our other students who are working from home. From 15th June we have also been open to a quarter of our Year 10 and Year 12 students at any one time, to give them some face to face teaching before the summer holidays to help them prepare for their exams next year.

In order to follow the government's guidelines on social distancing, we have had to adjust our arrangements for supporting this year's transition. However, we hope the information we have already sent you and the remote activities we have provided, will help put your child (and you!) at ease and get them feeling as excited as we are for the new school year.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR:

- Website regularly updated for all transition information
- Primary schools have received transition information
- Year 6 staff have liaised with transition staff to ensure a smooth start to Canon Slade
- Year 6 Transition 2020 Pupil booklet posted on the school website
- Parent/carer handbook posted on the school website
- Transition activities created for Year 6 pupils on the school website
- Transition welcome meeting arranged to meet key transition staff
- A reading list of engaging books to keep the imagination rolling during the summer term and to help prepare students for Year 7 learning

I realise you and your child may have been disappointed that we are unable to offer transition days before the summer, but I can assure you they will not miss out because of this. On **Tuesday 8th September**, Canon Slade School will welcome Years 7 and Year 12 only, to give us the opportunity to settle in our new students in the best way possible before the rest of the school joins us on Wednesday

9th September. **More information will be sent to you about the beginning of the new school year shortly.**

We would also ask that you keep checking the transition page of the school website and especially look out for our virtual tour of the school.

Please take care everybody and look after yourselves and your family.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A J Iles'.

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