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Dear P7 Pupils, Parents and Carers,

In our May P7 Newsletter I mentioned 'turning obstacles into opportunities'. This is becoming even more poignant as we approach what would have been our 3 day visit. The obstacle of our annual 3 day visit not happening this year has presented an opportunity to still provide a P7 Transition experience during what would have been the visit to James Gillespie's High School (JGHS).

Our Transition Programme has been evaluated positively every year by our S1s and therefore we wanted to offer as close to the "normal" experience for P7 transition as possible. We have met as a Cluster and I have shared this with our Feeder Primaries as we are keen to work together to ensure our P7s get the experience they deserve!

The Plan...

Monday 15 June

1. *Active Schools. This will replace our Gillespie's Games at Meggetland which was planned for this day. Our Active Schools Coordinator Mr Eliot Ambrose will instead lead on certain physical activities which should be attempted if possible, on that day. These are designed to support our health and wellbeing.*
2. **7pm-8pm** *Parents/Carers/Pupils Information Evening. This will be a Live Broadcast using Teams and all pupils and families are welcome. The Link is*

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NmY2OWI3ODEtMjE2MC00NWl1LWFmODgtYmY0ZWJkNzE1MDJl%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%226599f250-5d37-4f66-9dd5-f9c331ab18ae%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2287e29f7c-e0b5-4f3e-acb9-4771f8f85ab6%22%2c%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3a%22true%7d

Please do tune in all together and share the link with the wider family. If you are not able to tune in on the evening itself, this event will be recorded and can be viewed on YouTube.

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Tuesday 16 June

1. *The First S1 assembly with S1 and S6 Year Head Mr Porter*
2. *Reflections and top tips from JGHS S1 and S6 pupils*
3. *Some Curriculum areas at JGHS - what will I be learning?*
4. *'Moving On Up' – Where is my journey taking me?*

Wednesday 17 June

1. *S1 Year Head – Mr Porter*
2. *Message from our S6 Pupil Voice*
3. *Some Curriculum areas at JGHS - what will I be learning?*
4. *'Moving On Up' – How do I feel about the journey?*

Thursday 18 June

1. *S1 Year Head – Mr Porter*
2. *Some Curriculum areas at JGHS - what will I be learning?*
3. *'Moving On Up' – What tools do I have to help me?*
4. *Closing S1 assembly - A positive message from the JGHS staff to our new S1s!*

All learning for these 4 Days will be accessible in the same way using the link to our JGHS website <https://www.jamesgillespies.co.uk/p7-transition-2020/>. This link will be ready to go first thing on Monday morning 15 June. Please note Active Schools will be leading on the first day ie Monday, with JGHS Transition activities following on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Please remember our P7 Video, our GME production and both May and June's P7 Newsletters can be found at <https://www.jamesgillespies.co.uk/category/p7-transition/>.

May I also remind you the link is still open to share any questions you have about the Transition to James Gillespie's HS - <https://tinyurl.com/y9dn2g5s>

These experiences have been designed to offer a taster of James Gillespie's High School, but we do understand these are exceptional circumstances. We believe efforts are successes and I know you will do what you can to engage in the learning experiences provided for you. Have fun, look after yourselves and stay safe!

Kind Regards,

Mr Porter

Depute Head Teacher at James Gillespie's High School

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