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Dear P7 parent/carer,

I am writing to you at this important time in your young person's school career to explain the next stage in Kilmarnock Academy's primary 7 transition plan. We are delighted that all P7 pupils have had a number of visits from our staff this session and I am confident they have enjoyed a positive experience and enhanced contact with the school including:

- A visit from myself and Mr Rose, Head Teacher, to introduce our school in October 2023
- Lessons on Modern Languages, Social Subjects, English, ICT and Maths departments where P7 pupils took part in secondary style learning and met KA teaching staff
- A parents' information evening in KA in March 2024 to share key information with parents/carers and pupils.

We have really enjoyed sharing all of these experiences with your young people and they really must be commended for how they have embraced our offerings and engaged with the work set by our teachers.

The next stage of our transition involves all P7 pupils from all schools visiting Kilmarnock Academy for our three day visit on **Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th May 2024**. This visit is an excellent opportunity for P7s to meet their new S1 classmates, meet their teachers and follow their S1 timetables – basically, they get to be S1 pupils! Key information around these days is as follows:

- Pupils should wear their primary uniforms and they will be transported to and from Kilmarnock Academy by primary school staff.
- Pupils should bring a snack for interval and are welcome to bring a packed lunch or enjoy free school meals for the three days from our school canteen to allow them to get the full secondary experience.
- Pupils should bring trainers in case they have PE on their timetable. PE Kit is not required due to time constraints for changing but will be essential for August.



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The first two days of the visit will focus on meeting key staff, new classmates and following the S1 timetable with the third day being a P7 Science day. This will involve a fun day of experiments and activities in our Science department.

S1 class lists will be issued via primary 7 teachers just before the 3 day visit. While we aim to ensure all young people are happy and comfortable and placed with someone they know well from P7, I would ask parents to appreciate that an important part of starting S1 is making new friends. We have put a huge amount of work into ensuring the classes are right for all young people and have taken feedback from P7 teachers and the P7 pupils themselves. Therefore, the school should only be contacted in an emergency as **classes won't be changed to accommodate friendship groups.**

The primary 7s have clearly enjoyed all aspects of the transition so far and I am sure they will also make the most of their visit. We look forward to welcoming your young people to our school in May and to giving them the best start to S1 possible.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C Wallace". The signature is written in a light grey or blue ink.

Claire Wallace
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