

ST. COLUMBA'S HIGH SCHOOL

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PRIMARY 7 TRANSITION PLAN 2023

KEY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

WELCOME TO ST COLUMBA'S

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Firstly, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to St Columba's High School. We look forward to welcoming your child to the school as part of our new intake of S1 pupils in August 2023.

The purpose of this booklet is to provide you with some information and reassurance as you help to prepare your child for the move to secondary school. We fully appreciate that this can be a daunting experience for both pupils and parents and are keen to do whatever we can to offer some reassurance.

The information contained within this booklet discusses some of the most common uncertainties experienced by Primary 7 pupils (and their parents) as they prepare to move to secondary school. It aims to offer some practical advice and support to help them overcome these concerns and enjoy the experience.

We hope that you find it useful and look forward to working with you in the months and years ahead.

Mr Iain McLean

Depute Headteacher



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SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD

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There is a large team of staff here at St Columba's High School to support your child. The key staff members in the transition process are outlined below, and their role as pupils settle into life at St Columba's.



Mrs N Devine
HEADTEACHER



Mr I McLean
DEPUTE
HEADTEACHER



Mr Stevenson
PT GUIDANCE



Mrs P Cormack
PT SUPPORT FOR
LEARNING



Mrs A McPate
HOME/SCHOOL LINK



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Firstly, we would like to reassure you that the transition process for your child is already underway. The transition to secondary school takes place over the course of Primary 7.

Some pupils requiring a little extra support will visit the school as part of their Enhanced Transition Programme, while Mrs Cormack, our Principal Teacher of Support for Learning will liaise with our Primary colleagues to gather information about the learning needs of pupils.

We will continue to work very closely with our Primary colleagues to ensure that we gather all the information that we will need to ensure that your child has a positive transition to secondary.



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INFORMATION GATHERING

Mr McLean, Mrs Cormack and Mr Stevenson will continue to gather vital information from your child's Primary School in relation to their attainment profile, their strengths and interests, their learning needs as well as any other important information that we will need to prepare for their arrival at St Columba's in S1.

As part of these discussions we will begin to compile a profile of information for each pupil and the most effective ways to support them.



ASSIGNING CLASSES

Pupils may be concerned about what classes they will be in when they move to St Columba's and whether they will be in classes with their friendship groups.

As in previous years, we will work in partnership with Primary staff to ensure that we can do everything possible to enable each pupil is placed in a class with people that they get on with and work well with.



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INDUCTION DAYS

Traditionally, formal induction days are an important part of the transition process.

Pupils will have the opportunity to visit the school for the Induction Days on 24th and 25th May 2023. Pupils will visit subject departments across a variety of curricular areas.

Until then, we have a number of plans in place introducing pupils to staff and to their new school environment. These include: staff visits to primaries, invite to Pantomime, video tours , STEM event and Learning Showcase..



OTHER INFORMATION

We will use technology to keep in touch with you and your child. This will include: school website, Twitter and online learning platforms such as Microsoft Teams.

We would encourage all P7 parents to follow the school Twitter account @_stcolumba



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CONTACTING THE SCHOOL

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HERE TO HELP

While we are confident that we will put these in place in the lead up to your child's move to St Columba's you may have some questions or things that you would like to discuss and clarify.

Please feel free to contact the school if you have any such queries and we will do all that we can to help. In the first instance you should contact Mr McLean or Mr Stevenson.



COMMUNICATING WITH YOU

SCHOOL WEBSITE

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/in/schswebsite/>

SCHOOL TWITTER

[@ stcolumba](#)

SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER

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