



We are looking forward to welcoming your child to Keith Grammar School in August. Due to Moray remaining in tier 2 for some time the decision had been taken for Transition to be virtual this year. This is frustrating for everyone and I would like to reassure young people that when they arrive in the building in August that staff and buddies will be looking after them to make sure they get to the right place and they feel safe and secure in school.

Microsoft Teams

Our Kynoch and Laidlaw Teams have been created and young people are introducing themselves on the Teams to their teachers and adults in school. The chat on the teams are fairly quiet so please encourage your young person to post something about themselves and to say hello!

Key Adults

Guidance Teachers and Depute Head Teachers are currently introducing themselves on the Teams. Soon, young people will meet their Guidance teacher who will speak to pupils and answer any questions they have. Usually the guidance teacher would have visited the schools but this year the format will be different and teachers will meet their P7 pupils virtually. Ms Innes is Principal Teacher of Guidance for Kynoch House and Mrs Jex and Mrs Gatenby are the Principal Teachers of Guidance for Laidlaw House.

Our Pupil Support team in school includes Mrs Bain, Depute Head Teacher who is the Year Head for S1 pupils in 2021. Mrs Main is the Depute Head Teacher for Pupil Support. Iain Grieve, our Inclusion Project Coordinator, will also be on the team and will post activities. We will all be encouraging young people to say hello, introduce themselves and engage with the activities.

Mrs Sangster will shortly be sending out work completed by Keith Grammar School students which is about life in Keith Grammar School. We hope to start some English work in P7 and progress the work into S1.

Transition Website

Our website was launched this week and can be accessed through Google on Glow. Teachers and support staff have posted information on the website and there is a virtual tour of the school. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide a tour of the building for P7 pupils this year. Some young people may be worried about getting lost but there will be plenty of people standing by to help and make sure the young people find their way round the building. There is no need to worry about getting lost!

Buddies

All new S1 students will be allocated a buddy. The buddy will show young people around the school and make sure they get to the right place and look after them at break and lunch. They will also answer any questions and help in any way they can. The buddies will collect S1 pupils from class and take them to the next class. We intend for the buddy system to be in place for the first week.



The Loft

Activities are planned for some schools for the summer months. The rural schools programme had started on a Friday evening. Sharon Duncan, manager of The Loft Project, and Amanda Walker, Active Schools, plan to have events and activities which also include some of the pupils from the Sports Committee at Keith Grammar School. Amanda, Sharon and her team introduce themselves on the Transition Website.

Extended Transition

Some students in primary school have already embarked on the Enhanced Transition Programme which is co-ordinated by Mrs Campbell, Principal Teacher of Additional Support Needs. The students will have met Mrs Campbell already and some may have visited Keith Grammar School. Enhanced Transition students are following individualised programmes which may have included a visit as part of their programme,

Timetables

We are starting to issue timetables to students in school and will send out S1 timetables to P7 in the coming days.

School Uniform

We have tried to make school uniform as cost efficient as possible. Uniform will be a black jumper, white shirt and black trousers and skirt. A school tie will be provided by Keith Grammar School Parent Council.

Parent Meeting

We hope to have a virtual parent meeting in the next few weeks. In the meantime if you have any questions please contact me at the school.

Laura Main

Depute Head Teacher