Keith Grammar School

P7 Transition

Information for Parents-Update 16 June 2021



As we are approaching the end of term I would like to update you with our Transition process this year. We are disappointed that we are unable to meet in person in June but we are really looking forward to meeting everyone in August.

Microsoft Teams

Young people and their teachers are introducing themselves on the Teams. Information is being posted on there too. Mrs Jex has uploaded more videos which includes a virtual tour of the school and information about the school canteen. Mr lain Grieve has posted a workbook on the subject of moving on. Mrs Sangster has posted an update that \$1 pupils have written a guide and a welcoming letter for everyone.

School Handbook

Our school handbook can be found in the information section of the Keith Grammar School website. You will find information about school life, our curriculum and procedures. If you are unable to access the handbook please let us know.

Social Media

You can follow us on Facebook (search Keith Grammar School) and on Twitter, (@keithgrammar) for information and an insight into school life.

School Canteen

We will be asking all \$1 to remain on site at lunchtime until the October break to allow time for them to settle in. Students can bring a packed lunch or purchase food at the school canteen. Menus for the school canteen are available to view on our website. Prices have also been posted on our social media channels and on the Teams.

Transition Website

Our Transition website is live and can be accessed through the Teams. Mr Tubbs, PT Technical Education, has left instructions on how to access it. Please let us know if you have difficulty in viewing the website. It has 'meet and greet' videos where adults in school say hello and introduce themselves.

Buddies

All new \$1 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 \$1 pupils from class and take them to the next class. Buddy lists are being finalised and this information should be with you soon.

The Loft

The Loft continue to have their Transition activities and a consent form will need to be returned to them for young people to participate.

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Extended Transition

Enhanced Transition students are following individualised programmes which may have included a visit as part of their programme. Please note that pupils taking part will have their own timetables and Mrs Campbell has information on this for individuals. Please contact Mrs Campbell if there any issues with ASN timetables.

School virtual visits

Mrs Jex, Mrs Gatenby and Ms Innes, the Principal Teachers of Guidance, will be completing their virtual meetings with Primary Schools this week. Ms Innes has spoken to P7 in Keith Primary, Mrs Gatenby is meeting with Newmill, Botriphnie and St Thomas' and Mrs Jex has met with Ordiquhill and will meet with Rothiemay and Crossroads.

Welcome Guide

As we have not be able to meet in person, pupils in \$1 have created a guide to Keith Grammar and written a welcome letter. Mrs Sangster is sending these out to primary schools at the moment and these should be with P7 pupils in the next few days.

Timetables

Timetables have now been distributed to Primary Schools for distribution 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. These are being delivered to your primary schools this week and next.

Parent Meeting

We have a virtual meeting scheduled for **Tuesday 22 June at 2pm** and hope you will manage along to meet us and we can answer any questions you may have. The code is: **meet.google.com/zvn-wfib-mam**

First Day in \$1

Arrangements for the first day will be posted on the Teams as we are unsure as to what restrictions will be in place in August. We will be there to meet our new \$1 as they arrive and our buddies will be there too. Please reassure your child that we are all on hand to help them move from class to class and get to the right place.

In the meantime, if there are any questions, please get in touch.

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