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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Primary-Secondary Transition 2020

At Castlehead High School we are very much aware of the challenging, unusual circumstances that we find ourselves in due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the impact that this has had on our day to day lives.

We are keen to reassure you that supporting a smooth transition between Primary 7 and S1 remains a priority for everyone at Castlehead. We would like to update you on what we have already done and what we will be doing to support the transition process.

Our transition process has been running over the last year, and the P7 pupils have had the opportunity to visit the school on several occasions. We have been working closely with staff in the primary schools to ensure smooth transfer of information, including friendship groups etc. to allow us to place pupils in the most appropriate class. Our Support for Learning team and home link have been involved throughout the transition process to ensure that we have appropriate support plans in place for pupils where needed.

As you will be aware, we had a 3 day induction visit to the school planned, however due to the current situation we will be having a 'virtual transition' programme in place of this. This will take place on Microsoft Teams and additional information will be shared on the Castlehead High School App, Twitter Page and website. You will find the programme and full details about the virtual transition attached to this letter.

Please note that all our transition plans are subject to change depending on National and Local Authority Guidance. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school by email: castleheadenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

I hope you and your family keep safe and well.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Macdonald
Head teacher



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P7-S1 virtual transition programme

June 2020

Due to the current situation we are not able to have our usual induction days in Castlehead. In place of this, you will have the opportunity to take part in a number of virtual transition activities. These will take place each Thursday and Friday for the 1st 3 weeks in June.

The activities will allow you to meet the staff from each department, learn about the types of things you will do in each subject, and complete a task, activity or challenge that has been set for you.

These will be available on the transition Teams page which you will be added to. You will have your own folder on the Teams page where you can upload your completed tasks, or photos of your completed challenges. A teacher from Castlehead will be available on the Teams page on a Thursday and Friday to answer any questions or provide help in completing the tasks.

The schedule for the activities is below:

Week 1

Thursday 4th June

- **English-** You will get to meet the teachers from the English Department and complete a Character study task
- **Technical-** You will get to meet the teachers from the Technical Department, complete a workshop induction course and a measurement task

Friday 5th June

- **Science-** You will get to meet the staff from the Science department, find out what you will learn in Science in S1 and get to try out some science experiments at home
- **Modern Languages-** You will get to meet the teachers from the Modern Languages Department and complete a project learning about life in a different country

Week 2

Thursday 11th June

- **Maths-** You will meet the staff from the Maths Department, test your maths skills with a quiz, and complete a design your own tartan challenge
- **Home Economics-** You will get to meet the teachers from the Home Economics Department, learn about the S1 course and complete a food challenge

Friday 12th June

- **Social Subjects (Geography)-** You will learn about maps, and develop your map reading skills
- **Art-** You will get to meet the teachers from the Art Department, draw a Picasso style picture and design your very own Castlehead tie
- **PE-** You will get to meet the PE staff, find out about the Castlehead PE kit and complete a fitness challenge

Week 3

Thursday 18th June

- **Pupil Support-** You will get to meet the Pupil Support Team, including your Pupil Support (Guidance) Teacher. You will then complete a questionnaire to help us get to know you, and complete a careers education task
- **Social Subjects (Modern Studies)-** You will learn about what Global Citizenship means, and complete tasks which demonstrate your understanding
- **Ready, Respect, Safe!-** You will complete a task which explores the rules in Castlehead; what they mean and why they are important

Friday 19th June

- **ICT-** You will get to meet the Teachers from the IT department, find out what you will learn in IT in S1 and make your own avatar
- **Music-** You will get to meet the Teachers and instructors from the Music Department, and complete a series of challenges, including making your own musical instrument and creating an electronic drum beat
- **Evaluation-** We finish off the programme with an evaluation where you can give us feedback on the transition programme, and what you are most looking forward to when you come to Castlehead.