

# St Andrew's Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer and P7 Student

On behalf of the staff and pupils of St. Andrew's Academy, I would like to extend a warm welcome to you as you prepare to join our school community.

We hope that this is the beginning of a long, successful and happy relationship. We would like to reassure you that we will do our very best to ensure that your child settles happily in the school.

We also aim to ensure that every child has a positive experience of secondary school education and he/she will be encouraged to achieve his/her full potential.

Our P7 induction days will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

Arrangements will be made with our associated primary schools to transport the children to St. Andrew's, arriving at approximately 9.45 am and returning to the primary school for 3.00 pm. Students should wear their primary school uniform.

In the past AMEY (the company who run our catering services) have put on a special lunch deal for our P7's where they can buy a hot meal or sandwich lunch. When we have further details of this, we will confirm with P7 families. Students can, of course, bring a packed lunch.

We speak to your son's/daughter's P7 teacher regarding progress, strengths, weaknesses etc., in order that the transition can be as smooth as possible, both for your child and yourself.

Staff from the secondary school will also be visiting the primary schools over the coming weeks to further prepare the pupils for the move to high school.

All of our pupils are expected to wear school uniform as we think that this is a key factor in establishing a positive ethos in the school. We would ask you to support this and to discourage your child from wearing items of clothing which are non-uniform. The uniform can be purchased from various shops in Paisley. **(BARU (Moss Street), Schoolwear Made Easy (Wallneuk Street) and Set Schoolwear (Broomlands Street)).**

It is not possible for parents to make direct requests regarding the class in which children are placed, however, we take advice from P7 staff as to which children should be kept together and which children should be kept apart. Classes are carefully balanced in terms of gender and ability.

Next year we will have a first year intake of 264 pupils. The P7 induction visits in May gives the children an opportunity to meet other members of the year group, make new friends, and to experience a taster of the S1 curriculum.

I look forward to meeting your child and I hope that they will enjoy the visit and prepares them for coming to St Andrew's in August.

I am aware that transfer from primary to secondary is an exciting but occasionally anxious time,

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not just for the children but also for parents, particularly if this is the first time that a member of the family has entered secondary education. If you have any concerns or issues which you wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 0300 300 1440.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Kevin Henry  
Headteacher

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