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Transition Update

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well.

My name is David Robertson and I am the Depute Head Teacher at Lesmahagow High School responsible for P7 Transition. I write to reassure you that despite the current situation, our transition programme continues to run, albeit in a different format, and also to provide an update on our plan for the future.

Unfortunately, as a result of the current COVID situation our calendar of events for transition has been somewhat disrupted and we have not been able to visit pupils as often as we would like. However, we have been working closely with our primary colleagues this year and have already completed various activities, which include, virtual meetings with Ms Lee (S1 DHT as of August 2021) and myself, science tasks, art tasks, a Christmas quiz and various meetings with primary staff aimed at getting to know your young person, which has enabled us to plan for their start in August. This planning is well underway and we will shortly submit more tasks and activities for young people which will allow our staff to get to know them before they arrive at our school.

Over the remainder of the year, your young person will engage in a variety of subject related activities which we hope will include some physical delivery in line with Government guidance in the summer term. This will include:

- Music
- Drama
- PE
- English
- Maths

We have also scheduled a Virtual Information Evening for **Wednesday, 3rd March at 6:30pm**. Joining instructions and where to access this will be shared in due course. This evening will provide parents with information on our *Journey to Lesmahagow* transition programme and allow you to meet some of our SMT and some of our Extended Support Team.

We plan on holding another information evening in June, where we will provide more details on the start of school in August and explain the S1 Curriculum in more depth.

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For those young people who require additional support in relation to their learning or transition to high school, there will be more information sent to you shortly from our Support for Learning department. This will outline our plans of how we hope to support you and your child throughout this process.

I would also like to draw your attention to our dedicated P7 Transition webpage (see link below). We will continually update this with information and additional transition resources which we hope will help support your young person prepare for attending Lesmahagow High School in August 2021. At present, we have shared our P7 Pupil and Parent Transition Booklet, additional transition tasks for pupils to work through, a Google Form which you can use to ask the school any particular questions and a Frequently Asked Questions document which will be regularly updated. We will also be sharing presentations from all faculties to help pupils get to know our staff and the subjects/departments which form our school. These will be released on a weekly basis after the Spring Break. We will also share a virtual tour in the near future which will take pupils a walk through our school building and outside area.

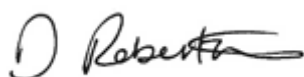
<http://www.lesmahagow.s-lanark.sch.uk/p7-transition/>

Please be assured that although our 'normal' transition programme cannot run, we are working tirelessly to ensure your young person receives the relevant experiences and opportunities that will allow them to be fully prepared for joining us in August.

We very much looking forward to meeting and working with you.

Take care and we will speak soon.

Kind regards,



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