

# Welcome to St.Kentigern's Academy

Dear P7's,

We are very sad that we can't meet you all just now and allow you to participate in our usual transition programme. Not to worry though, we have organised a fantastic transition programme that you can carry out from the comfort of your own home. We have made sure that we've packed as much fun into it as possible and we hope you are all looking forward to it! Don't worry, we will explain everything you need below.

Stay Safe.

#### St.Kentigern's Academy: The Tour



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1 - Let our S5 pupils be your tour guides as we show you round the St.Kent's building. Try to keep up...



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2 - A welcome message from Mrs Boyd, DHT



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3 - A welcome message from Miss Murray, DHT

## Special Delivery!



Keep an eye out for the post over the next few days. You will shortly receive a welcome pack. This will have further information to help ease your transition and let you know all the details about the next few weeks. Your pack will also let you know which House you will be in!

### Our House System - St Columba, St Margaret and St Ninian

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At St Kentigern's Academy we have three Houses - Columba, Margaret and Ninian house. You will be assigned to one of these Houses and that will be your House for the full duration of your Secondary School life. Through the post you will receive confirmation of the house you will be in and this will allow you to identify which code you should enter on Microsoft Teams.

Margaret House code: uj96c24 Ninian House code: 2iyezq8

Columba House code: ffetulh

We have a huge Student Support Team and they will always be around to help you out. Check out our Twitter Feed for the latest PSE challenges and to meet some of the wider team.

https://twitter.com/stksupport



### Transition Timetable (Click here!)

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So what does Transition look like?

In speaking to your Primary 7 teachers they have told us how talented you are when it comes to using Microsoft TEAMS so we will continue to use this for your transition.

You transition programme will begin this week with the Q&A sessions on teams on Wednes day 20th and Thursday 21st May from 14:30 pm until 15:00 pm the Student Support Team will be available to answer any questions you might have. We are also holding an extra session on Friday from 11-1130 am just incase you can't manage the other sessions. Your P7 teacher will inform of what day your class will be allocated.

The following week on Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th May from 14:30 pm until 15:00 pm you will have your first House Assembly and meet your House Team.

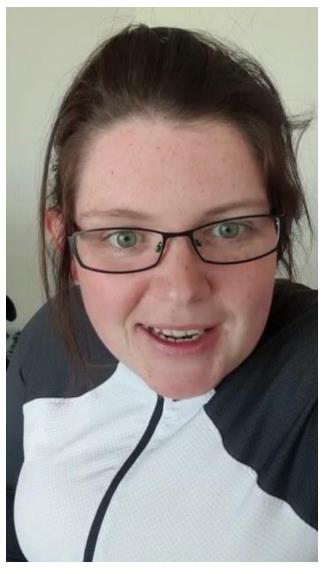
On Tuesday 2nd June you will begin a timetable to help you experience some of your S1 subjects and meet your teachers. Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until the end of term you will take part in a 30 minute lesson for a different subject.

For those who are participating in Enhanced Transition it will be every Friday from 11:00am until 11:30am with your Head of House who will take you through this each week to build your confidence and reduce any anxieties.

We hope you will enjoy your experience and look forward to you joining us at St Kentigern's Academy.

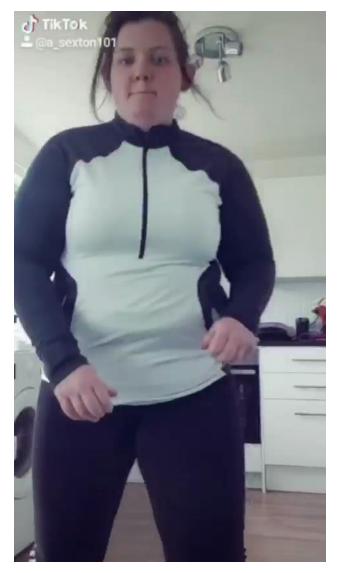


Meet the staff... Here is a short introduction from some of our fantastic staff (follow us on twitter to meet the rest)



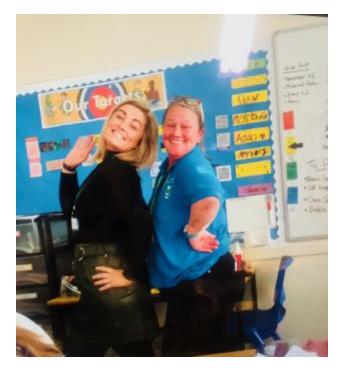
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4 - Here is Miss Sexton from Columba house to let you know all about registration! Registration starts at 8:45am each morning.



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5 - Here is our latest PSE Challenge - see of you can join in!



6 - Some familiar faces, Miss Lawlor and Geraldine on one of their many P7 visits!



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7 - We also caught up with Mrs Gill who can usually be found downstairs in the RE and Social Subjects corridor...



8 - Our staff put this video together to cheer our pupils up! We hope you like it.

There are plenty of people and places around to help you on your St Kent's journey. We have our Wellbeing Hub where Breakfast Club is hosted each morning, our Autism Support Base, Support for Learning, and of course our cosy Nurture Room! We also have lots of fun clubs and events to keep you all busy! You can sign up for these in our Freshers event at the start of term.



9 - Need some extra support? Our friendly team are here to help!



10 - This is our Wellbeing Hub...we have lots of wellbeing ambassadors who are always around to help!

Don't just take our word for it. Why not read the letters from our current pupils we've been working on in PSE?

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Primary 7 June Dear Rimary 731 a: "Will 7 clament , when the teachers such had friendly", and Will, more were help in what's in diacting according school I share now ohen at St. Kent's for about two years now. I remember when finishes the panishin days ares needing ny files clanmates / fill not andy uses maring a new drapter and I want the realised that there is assolicely writering to the would espect as there is many things to doole fermant to! a terms of my first day, we had a were assembly filled they are neadercare, Mr. 3 and was could gue the Depute steads have ). After that we got our twattables which will tell you what soon upon have at what time and your theak and longes are. What I was glad about, was that there was some of old friends from my primary school (SP ma Bathquite for me) who were in my referring "

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#### Dear Primary 7's

My name is Luca I used go to Balbardie primary and I have been at St Kentigern's for 6 months.

I have moved to St Kentigern's quite recently so I understand how daunting a big move is going to be but don't worry as this is one of the most accepting schools I know and I was welcomed into the school and have made lots of new friends.

During my first day I was extremely excited and I am sure you are as well. St Kentigern's is a really great school and I am sure you will really enjoy it here. The uniforms are actually quite nice and keep you quite warm through out winter.

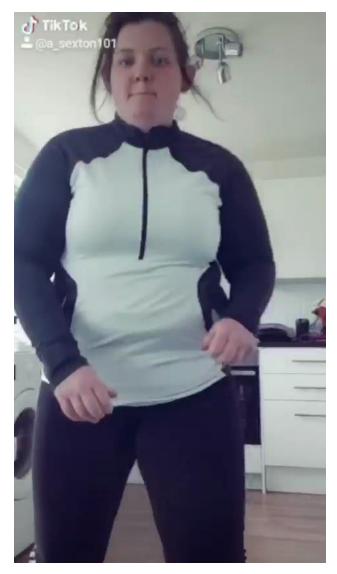
Before starting St Kentigern's I was nervous about making friends on the first day everyone was so friendly and now I have a really strong friendship group. If you are ever confused on where you are supposed to go the other pupils are sure to help you find where you're class is St Kentigern's Academy is full of kind helpful students.

My favourite subject is science. I really like it because I enjoy learning about the world and we do lots of fun experiments and we have lots of fun while learning.

My favourite teacher is Miss McVittle because she is able to make every lesson extremely fun and full of important information and she is extremely kind and caring and if you ask a question she will help you and help you figure out the answer and after every lesson I feel like I have learned the most important things.

St Kentigerns Academy is a warm and exciting stepping stone to a fulfilled life and we cant wait for you to come and take that step to a brighter future.

Yours Sincerely Luca



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11 - Here is our latest PSE challenge. See if you can join in!

#### Contact Us



We can't wait to meet you all and we hope this won't be too long away.

Your delivery will contain contact information of the Pupil Support staff you will be working with. They will be there to answer any queries you may have.

Should you require any information on Health Care Plans please visit the following link: <u>https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/47701/Individual-Health-Care-Plans-and-Forms</u> which will offfer more information on our procedure.

Lots more information can be found on our school website at <u>http://www.stkentigernsacademy.org/</u> or by simply downloading our school app. You can also follow us on Twitter @StKentAc

Our transition line is open Mon-Thurs 2-3pm and all details can be found on our Twitter accounts:

St Kent's Twitter Feed

The RE Department

**The Science Department** 

The Art Department

The Student Support Team

The ASN Team

There are lots more, try to see if you can find the rest.

Good Luck and Stay Safe,

#### Prayer

May God give you For every storm, a rainbow For every tear, a smile For every care, a promise And a blessing in each trial. For every problem life sends, A faithful friend to share. For every sigh, a sweet song, And an answer to each prayer. St Kentigern, Pray for us



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12 - Our School Prayer.



13 - Some really useful information for parents and carers when trying to help our pupils around transition time.