



HOLY TRINITY

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Transition to Year 7

Thank you for choosing Holy Trinity for your child from September 2021. This was the first choice of many that you and your child will make regarding their Secondary education over the next five years. We, as teachers and support staff, will be there throughout that journey to provide an inclusive and supportive learning environment where they are able to reach their full potential.

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself and to provide some further information on the support we'll be providing for our new pupils who are due to join Year 7 from September 2021. We understand that this remains an uncertain time for many families. It is therefore more important than ever to give some clarity on the months ahead and reassurance over the experience we expect to provide for your child as they transition into Year 7.

We are planning to hold a number of transition days over the summer term and we are really excited to invite your child to attend these. As we do this, the safety of all students and staff is of the utmost importance to us all. We will continue to refine plans, and adapt them where required, in light of any changes in local and national guidance. More information will be provided over the coming weeks on the exact timing and format of these days.

To ensure you and your child have access to all the most up to date and relevant information about entering Year 7, we are setting up a separate section for Year 6 children and families on our school website. This will be updated regularly and there will be activities that your child can participate in. There will also be a section for you to ask any questions you may have. To supplement this, we have also set up a dedicated e-mail address. If you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail transition@holytrinitybarnsley.org and we will be there to help.

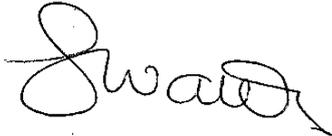
For pupils joining from our Primary phase, I have been liaising with their current teachers to gather the most up to date information regarding your child's education to date. For those joining Holy Trinity for the first time I will be receiving similar information from your respective Primary schools ahead of September. We have also gathered feedback from the current Year 7's to understand how this year has felt for them and any areas where additional support could be offered. This will ensure that your child's transition is as smooth as possible in September.



I would like to finish with a personal message to you all. As some of you already know, I have been fortunate enough to be a Head of Year for the past 4 years at Holy Trinity. At Holy Trinity the Head of Year takes care of your child for the duration of their stay with us. This ensures that the parent-school partnership flourishes. I will work closely with you to ensure your child's time at school is a happy and successful one. In the current Coronavirus pandemic, I understand that pupil anxieties and worries may have increased. I want to reassure you that I, along with our excellent team of support staff, are committed to providing the best start to life at Secondary school.

I look forward to greeting the students as they join us for their transition days.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Swatts', written in a cursive style.

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