

3rd June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

We're delighted to welcome you and your child to Humphry Davy School as part our new year 7.

I am writing on behalf of all the staff at Humphry Davy School to give you a big welcome to our wonderful school community and also provide you with some information at this time to help you with any thoughts you might be having about secondary school.

It's definitely an unusual and challenging time at the moment, and we know you and your child might be feeling especially nervous about the transition into year 7.

As a school, we've had to adapt rapidly over the past few weeks and we're currently open, like most schools, to key worker families only soon to be joined by some year 10s. The rest of the school community are working hard at home with work set online by teachers via 'Show my Homework'. We've also been impressed with the variety of broader work our young people have been enjoying getting up to with some seriously good; gardeners; artists; musicians; linguist; charity fundraisers; bakers and so much more! Despite the natural concerns out there, it has also been an opportunity for many young people to explore new skills, hone mastery in existing skills and importantly spend special time with family. We hope you and your families have been coping during this 'new normal'.

In order to follow the government's guidelines on social distancing, we've had to adjust our arrangements for supporting this year's transition. However, we hope the remote challenges that we've provided will help put your child (and you!) at ease and get them feeling as excited as we are for the new school year.

Challenge: Transition Booklet! Have a look at the enclosed booklet. We'd love to know more about you so we can match you with the best mentor, and help you find out more about us! Please complete the booklet as best you can there is a page to let us know the friends you would like to be with too, then return it to Humphry Davy School in the enclosed stamped addressed envelope by **Friday 19th June 2020**. It is really important that we receive your form by this date because we use this information to make sure that you are with your friends in a mentor group. A mentor group is your base every morning where you register or go to assembly. Your mentor is your first point of contact and someone you will get to know very well and hopefully meet soon.

We may not have received your admission form, if we haven't we have included another one in this pack. Can you please also return the completed admission form in the same envelope provided.

We're here for you every step of the way during your child's transition into year 7. If you have any concerns or questions, please let us know by emailing our Assistant Headteacher Miss T Gittins who manages transition; tgittins@humphry-davy.cornwall.sch.uk

For your information regarding uniform it is now available to order online from Whirlwind Sports <https://www.whirlwindsports.com/schools/humphry-davy-school> or give them a call on 01736 363885.

We can't say yet when we'll be able to open the school fully, but rest assured that if anything changes at all, we'll contact you as soon as possible. All of our latest news, letters and headlines can be found on our website. Including a couple of recent videos which our staff made for all the children - some of these teachers may teach you next year!

Miss Gittins has been talking with your year 6 teachers and gathering as much information as she can to ensure a smooth transition. We are also really looking forward to reading the booklets you return to us and finding out all about you and finding out who your friends are as we prepare to welcome you fully to start your next 5 fantastic years at Humphry Davy School.

Yours faithfully



Mr W Marshall
Headteacher

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