**Launceston College Transition update 5th May 2020**

Dear parents/carers

I hope you are all well and coping during these strange times.

We have been busy thinking about transition and how this will work for our new Year 6’s and wanted to update you on some key things to help you and your child/ren.

**6-7 evening**

9th July – in the event of this evening not being able to happen in the same way, we will ensure that you and your child are notified of your child’s tutor group and House. The information that we share with you on this evening will still be shared with you but via our website and at the earliest opportunity in the autumn term we will invite you into College to come and meet with us.

**Transition days**

These are due to be held on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th July. We still hope to be able to host Year 6 on these days, however we are busy planning a week of transition activities for the start of the new term in September to include extra time with tutor groups, getting to know key staff, meeting new friends, finding their way around, getting to know their House, becoming familiar with College practices and being involved in some exciting learning opportunities in subjects. Please be reassured we will plan this carefully to reduce any anxiety and to build confidence across the week.

**Thumbprints**

There is still time to return your permission slips to us so that we can scan your child’s thumbprint in preparation for the new term. Parents have been sensibly screenshotting their signed slips and sending them to sarahr@launcestoncollege.org.uk

Or simply tick the relevant box giving permission on the online **Admission Form**. This form must be completed before the end of Year 6 so that we have your essential contact information and all the information about your child prior to the start of Year 7.

Follow the link from the front page of the website:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSereUWEz1HqJ6BMXDwSoJsx68stBcyjZLOV0O3Nxy7EZUT7dQ/viewform>

**Summer School**

Although we have had to cancel the week we hope to be able to build in some of these opportunities to the first week back. We don’t want students to miss out.

**Uniform**

You will be able to order and purchase uniform online. We will ensure you are given guidance about this during the summer term and in plenty of time for September. Please do not order uniform too early as I am always amazed at how much children grow across the summer holiday.

**Information Booklet**

Our 6-7 information booklet contains some useful information about the College and key dates for next year. This will shortly be available on our website for you to look at.

Please note that should any of this information be subject to change then we will inform you via the website.

**Opportunities**

We will set some mini transition projects for students to do this term, starting with maths. Thisinformation will come to you via your child’s primary school before half-term.

The work submitted will allow us to better understand our new learners.

BBC Bitesize has some transition materials which might prove useful when getting students to think about transition, what it might be like for them and any anxieties they may have:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/tags/zh4wy9q/starting-secondary-school/1>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zjgck2p/articles/zf2dqhv>

**Miles in May**

Your child can join other students and staff from Launceston College in this challenge. Follow the link below to the information on our website.

<https://forms.gle/EVgaxJjdpFkqu7ZW7>

**Questions**

Feel free to email us your transition questions or ideas. Sarah and I will be happy to answer them.

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As more detailed plans emerge we will let you know. Keep an eye on our website for up to date information about transition.

Take care and stay safe.

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