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Dear Parents,

Letter to parents Y6-Y7 transition

For our Year 6 students, it is an extremely exciting time as they start to get ready for their transition into secondary school and joining Year 7. It has been fantastic to see the children thriving in their learning journey as they move through the school. We are extremely delighted to welcome these students and can not wait to see the impact that they can have on not only the secondary school, but the whole TBS community.

Even though this is an exciting time, we do fully understand that it can be extremely challenging for both students and parents. There are a large number of questions that are raised when a student transitions into secondary school. I want to assure you that as a Key stage team, we are here to support you and your child throughout their whole time in the school and will endeavor to prepare all parties as much as we possibly can. We want to ensure that when our current Year 6's reach the first day of their secondary schooling, they are confident in their knowledge of how the next stage of their schooling is going to work. This is why we are putting together a transitional plan for all of the students to take part in.

The transition is going to be taking place whilst they are in school (**W/B May 29th May**) and a number of different elements have started taking place already. As a team we will be providing you with all the information that supports your child's transition, such as the day to day workings of the school, the support your child is going to be receiving from the whole Key Stage 3 team and information on the different subjects the students will be studying. As we are sure this is going to bring up a number of questions, we will then be running a question and answer session for parents to attend which allows for us to clear up any confusion.

The students will be taking part in transition with a wide range of people to ensure they get to know different staff that will be important to their secondary schooling. This will include collaboration between Year 6 Teachers, the Key Stage Three team and staff members that will be teaching the students next year. Below are some of the events that are being included in the transition:



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<u>Details of the events students will be taking part in during transition.</u>	<u>Date to be undertaken- Week beginning</u>
The students will be introduced to their Pastoral lead, Mr Randall, who will oversee the Key Stage team and ensure that each student is receiving the support that is needed.	Term 2 Week 4
They will start to use the Google schools applications, which are used by the secondary school.	Ongoing throughout the year.
Students will get the chance to go over to the secondary areas and take part in a range of different lessons.	Term 4
The students will get the chance to meet their mentor and get to know them in a mentor time.	Term 4 Week 7
They will take part in a number of core subject transition lessons.	Term 4 Week 7
Taking part in a Transition week- Team building, treasure hunt, Q+A with current Y7's.	Term 4 Week 7
Parent Information session and Q+A with mentors and Head of Key Stage.	Term 4 Week 7

Despite the fact that the students will be moving into Secondary school, there are a large amount of similarities between the two. There will be a large focus on your child's academic progression throughout the years, with us challenging and supporting them to help build their confidence in all areas of their studies. They will build strong relationships with their peers and new teachers that will help them succeed both personally and academically. Moreover, there will continue to be a large support network for your child that is focused on their wellbeing, helping them with study competence and developing their everyday life skills.

However, with the transition also comes some differences. Students will be having longer days that can seem quite daunting to begin with. The secondary day runs from 8.40am until 3.30pm and consists of six, 55 minute periods that the students will be expected to attend. For these different periods, the students will not only have one teacher, but will move around the school to different areas, where they will have a subject specific teacher waiting for them. Orientation around the school is something that, as a key stage team, we have put a real emphasis on in transition, so that the students know exactly where to go for a particular lesson once in Secondary. Students will also be expected to be more independent in their



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learning, enabling them to develop new research, organization and writing skills that will stay with them throughout the school.

For our students transitioning into Year 7, this is very different to how they have gone through their Primary schooling and can be challenging. However, with challenge comes opportunity and it enables the students to learn, grow and succeed at their highest level. Throughout their time at TBS and through the secondary school, we will be there to support your child every step of the way and guide them in this extremely important time of their life. We will do anything in our power to ensure your child succeeds in this new and exciting journey they are about to undertake.

Kind regards,

Mr Matthew Randall
Head of Key Stage 3