

LF/CM

September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Now that your child is in Primary 7, the transition process for transfer to secondary school in August 2020 is underway. The transition from primary to secondary school is an important milestone in the lives of children and their families. At Hyndland Secondary School we pride ourselves on providing our new students, parents and carers with a smooth and extensive transition program where students arrive on their first day in August excited about the next chapter of their education, rather than feeling apprehensive. The Head Teachers of the four primary schools within our learning community have already met with our Head Teacher to discuss the programme for the session ahead and I am sure you will be very keen to know some of the key dates and events which have been proposed.


The first of these events will be our Primary 7 Open Evening which begins in the Airlie Theatre in Hyndland Secondary on Thursday 3rd October starting at 6.00pm. During this time you will be able to have a tour of the school and visit a number of curricular departments to learn more about the S1 curriculum here at Hyndland as well as experiencing life as an S1 student.

Our school website has a section on S1 Induction which may be helpful for parents to refer to during the session – we will upload any presentations and letters onto this area for your reference.

We aim to make the transition as smooth as possible for pupils and you will see throughout the coming session we have a very lively programme which we hope pupils will enjoy and which will allay any concerns you or your child may have about moving on to secondary. We also hope that it prepares them for the challenge of secondary education and the continuing hard work which lies ahead. A Primary Calendar of dates which details some of the main transition work planned can be found on the second page of this letter.

You will receive information in due course via your child's primary school about procedures for transfer. In the meantime, I look forward to welcoming your child to Hyndland and working with you this session and beyond. Please do feel free to get in touch with me directly at the school if you have any questions about the transition process which I will be glad to answer.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Laura Forrester,
Depute Head Teacher (S1 Year Head).

Primary Secondary Transition Calendar – Key Dates for Parents/Carers

Date	Primary School(s) involved	Transition Activity
Thursday 3 rd October 2019 – 6.00pm	All parents/carers and P7 children	Open Evening at Hyndland Secondary School from 6pm
Thursday 10 th October 2019 – 9.30am-11.00am	Hyndland PS, Broomhill PS, Thornwood PS and Whiteinch PS	All Primary 7 children to visit Hyndland PE Department for a team-building morning (PE Kit to be worn).
October 2019	Hyndland PS and Broomhill PS	Hyndland Science Team visit primaries to work on Science project with P7 children.
November 2019	Thornwood PS and Whiteinch PS	Hyndland Science Team visit primaries to work on Science project with P7 children.
November / December	Hyndland PS and Broomhill PS	Hyndland Languages Team visit primaries to work on Languages project with P7 children.
January / February 2020	Thornwood PS and Whiteinch PS	Hyndland Languages Team visit primaries to work on languages project with P7 children.
January – March 2020	All primary schools	Hyndland Maths Team visit primaries to work on Numeracy project with P7 children.
Late January 2020	All primary schools	Staff and students from Hyndland Secondary to visit P7 classes for Q & A session on transition.
February 2020	All primary schools	All primary 7 children to visit Hyndland Secondary English Department to work on a literacy project with staff – 2 afternoon sessions.
Thursday 12 th March 2020 – 6.00pm	All Primary 7 Parents/carers	Primary 7 Information Evening at Hyndland Secondary School – Airlie Theatre
Tuesday 19 th and Wednesday 20 th May 2020	All Primary 7 children transferring to Hyndland Secondary with places confirmed	Primary 7 Induction Days at Hyndland Secondary School
Wednesday 20 th May 2020 – 6.00pm	All Primary 7 Parents/Carers and children	Primary 7 Information Evening at Hyndland Secondary School – Airlie Theatre