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Secondary – Year 6 Transition



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Dear parent / carer

I write to you following the terrific news that your son/daughter will be joining us in Year 7 in September. On behalf of all the staff of Hessle High School and Sixth Form College, I am delighted that your child will continue their education within our through-school Academy. Over the coming months, we will keep in regular contact with you, your child and our colleagues at Penshurst Primary School. The aim of this communication will be to ensure that the very best transition to secondary school can be achieved.

Let me set out some of the things that we will be doing.

Firstly, because your child attends an all-through school, the transition will be seamless. The staff at Hessle High School have excellent links with the staff at Penshurst and, in the coming weeks, Miss Pinkney, our transition co-ordinator, will be in touch to find out more about the work they are currently doing and to get to know more about the children individually. The more information we have about their interests, their hobbies and ambitions, as well as their specific learning and/or emotional needs, the better we can support them in September.

Secondly, we will communicate frequently with you and your child. During the Spring and early Summer, we will be sending out regular e-cards. Each of these - there are nine - explains a particular aspect of life at Hessle High School; they will introduce key staff, explain our curriculum and give you practical information about uniform, school lunches and transport. Throughout all of this time, we are available - should you need us - to answer any questions that you may have.

In order for our communications to reach you, it is imperative that we have your up-to-date contact details. Please keep us informed of any changes to your email address or telephone numbers by contacting us at office@hessleacademy.com, also follow us on Twitter @Hesslehigh for news updates. Or activate your parent account on our School Management System, Arbor, if you haven't already done so, you will then be able to input your details, and those of your emergency contacts, into the system directly.

Finally, transition week will take place in July and sees all our new Year 7 students spending three whole days at Hessle High School (Wednesday 10 July to Friday 12 July), getting to know their new tutors, finding their way around and meeting their new classmates. The children always tell us that this is a fantastic few days and sends them into the summer holiday relaxed and excited about the year to come.

I know that the next six months or so will see lots of excitement and trepidation in your household. I have a child at a local secondary school so I fully understand the rare mix of emotions that are caused by this significant period in a child's life. As your child's next Headteacher, it is my job, and that of my staff, to make the transition as smooth as possible to ensure a positive start in September.

Once again, thank you for your faith in our school and, if this is the first child that you have entrusted to us, a very warm welcome to the Hessle High School community.

I look forward to meeting you in person.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'V Groak', written in a cursive style.

Mr V Groak
Headteacher