



# Wallace Hall Academy, Primary and ELC "Together we grow, learn and achieve"

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## Dear Parent/Carer

We are looking forward to working with all of our schools, pupils and families to ensure that our P7 pupils feel prepared for their move to secondary school. In order to get this process started, we are writing to share an overview of our cluster plans for P7 Transition activities this year.

At the moment, we are unable to host pupil visits, but we are hopeful that these may be allowed to resume later in the year. In the meantime, we have planned a series of remote activities, which we hope will help our young people to start preparing for their transition. Please find a summary of the plans below:

#### WHA P7 Transition Calendar 2021-22

Term 2 (Oct-Dec)

- All P7 Pupils Issued with Transition Passport Booklet
- Online Introduction video and activities completed with primary teacher
- Visit from WHA Senior Pupils (Buddies) to complete team building activities
- P7 pupils join WHA Microsoft Team

Term 3 (Jan-March)

- Full day visit for each P7 pupil to WHA \*
- Meetings between P7 staff and Pupil Support staff to share detailed information and start organising pupils into classes
- Visit from WHA Buddies to work with P7 pupils

Term 4 (April-June)

- Full day visit for each P7 pupil to WHA \*
- Pupils arranged into S1 classes
- Information Webinar for parents
- Induction days \*







<sup>\*</sup>Covid permitting, may be replaced with online activities



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## Plans for this Term (Term 2)

In order to help pupils to record and share their transition journey, we have created a 'Transition Passport' booklet. All P7 pupils will be issued with a copy of this. This booklet will be used in primary school to complete remote activities and should also be brought to any visits to WHA. This booklet is accompanied by a series of videos to help pupils get to know our school and staff.

A group of Senior Pupils will also be visiting the P7 pupils at their primary schools. They have volunteered to act as buddies and are currently completing training to ensure they have the required skills. These pupils will be working with the P7s throughout the year and will act as buddies when they arrive in August.

We have also set up a Microsoft Team that we would like all of our P7 pupils to join. This Team will allow us to share information with the P7s but will also allow them to contact us and communicate any questions or concerns as well as getting to know each other. Please encourage your child to join the WHA P7 Transition Team using the following code: **9g7n8qf.** We have included a help sheet if you need support with this, your child's primary school will also be able to help.

We will continue to update you throughout the year but you may also find it useful to follow our school on Facebook, Instagram and/or Twitter. We also have a transition page on our school website, this can be accessed through <a href="https://www.wallacehall.co.uk/transitions">https://www.wallacehall.co.uk/transitions</a>.

## **Enhanced Transition**

In order for us to meet specific learning or emotional needs, some identified pupils will have further support as part of their enhanced transition. This will be agreed in consultation with your child's primary teacher and ourselves.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at Wallace Hall Academy should you have any questions regarding these visits.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Mack PT Pupil Support (Scaur) P7/S1 Transitions Mrs A Marchant (Restart and Recovery Teacher)