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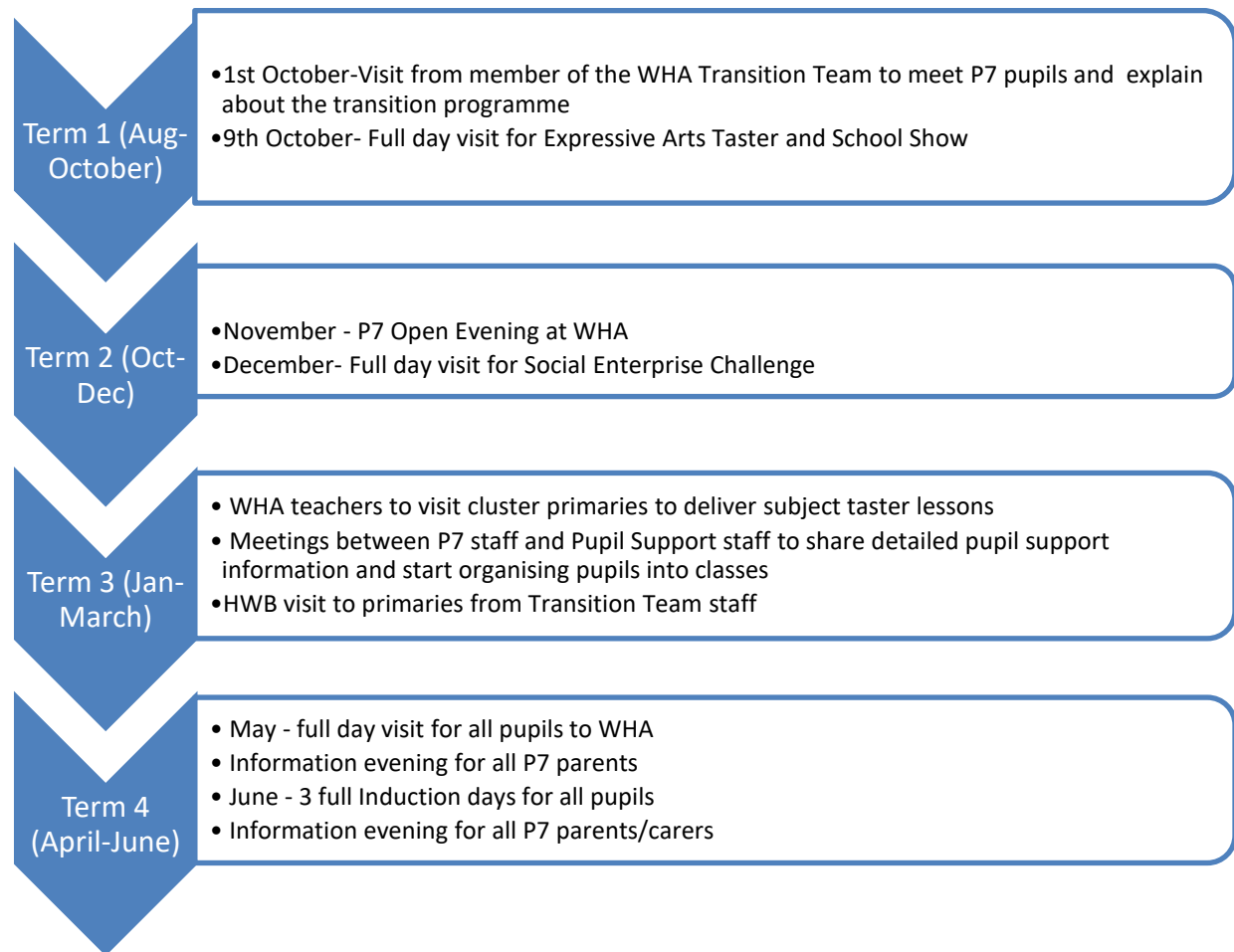
Head Teacher: Barry Graham

16th September 2024

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.

WHA P7 Transition Calendar 2024-25



Winner of

Silver Rights Respecting Schools Awareness Award 2023
D&G Rural Award Smarter Scotland
The SQA Star Award
Lantra School Project Award – 2013/2018/2020/2022

Scottish Education Award – Enterprise and Employability
World Teamwork Award Winners – World Robotics Festival
First Lego League Robotics Scottish/UK & Ireland Champions



Expressive Arts Taster Visit- October 9th

We are pleased to be able to invite all of our cluster pupils for a full day visit on the 9th October. Pupils will spend the day in our Expressive Arts Faculty, where they will complete subject taster activities in Art, Drama and Music and will be treated to an exclusive showing of our school show 'Beauty and the Beast'. This is an alternative version by Laurence Boswell.

We will share a detailed timeline of events with the P7 pupils prior to their arrival in order to explain where to meet, what to expect and how we will support them during the day. In addition, this information will be shared with pupils, during our visits to primaries on the 1st of October.

Transport

We would request that **parents take responsibility for organising transport to and from Wallace Hall Academy**. If this is not possible then please indicate on the Form (please find links at end of this letter) and we will arrange solutions in collaboration with your primary school. If you wish your child to walk home then you must indicate this on the Form.

Pupils can arrive any time from 8.30am onwards and will be welcomed at the front gates next to our School Office. Please arrive at our School Office anytime between 3.30 and 3.45pm for end of day collection.

What to wear, bring and eat

Pupils should wear their usual school uniform and bring a suitable snack and water to have during morning break times.

Lunchtime will be just before WHA's normal lunchtime, giving pupils an opportunity to experience the canteen, where they can buy a meal deal for £2.10 or bring their own packed lunch. Unfortunately we cannot transfer any credit that is already on your child's primary account so please provide money unless you are entitled to a Free School Meal. **Free school meals will be provided for those pupils who normally receive them**. Please indicate on the Form which option your child will use.

Medical information

During these visits it is vital that all medication and medical equipment should be with your child e.g. epi-pen/inhaler/diabetic testing kit. **Please ensure that your child has their specific medical essentials in their school bag for their transition days, and that they are all in date.**

Sharing Information

Please complete the reply form, which can be accessed via the links below **by Wednesday 25th September**, to indicate whether your child will be attending and to share required information.

Your child's primary school will also share information prior to the visit regarding specific learning, health and wellbeing information.

Enhanced Transition

Some identified pupils with specific learning or emotional needs will receive further support as part of their enhanced transition. This will be arranged in consultation with your child's primary teacher and ourselves.

Communication

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 <https://www.wallacehall.co.uk/transitions>



QR code:

or

Link: <https://forms.office.com/e/NJ0c2PiCDf>

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

Mr E Mack
DHT

Mrs L Mack
PT Pupil Support

Mrs N Flint
PT ASL

Mrs V. McNeil
PEF Support