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P7 to S1 Transitions Programme 2023-2023

Information for parents and carers

Transition Activities in Primary School

Steps to Perth Academy

I have attached our Steps to Perth Academy Leaflet, which has been successful in previous years. It's a great way to encourage children to be thinking about their achievements and aim for an award. Certificates will be issued to each primary school for distribution to any child who has completed this. Mrs Paul, Perth Academy Headteacher is visiting schools during February and March to introduce herself and Steps to Perth Academy.

MSTeams Transition sites

MSTeams sites are being established in each Primary school using Glow usernames. These sites will be used for sharing subject department introductions/videos to be accessed at a suitable time for each school.

Outreach Visits to Primary Schools

1+2 Modern Languages

Teachers from the Modern Languages department have arranged visits to each Primary School.

Subject lessons

Each Primary school is being offered at least two visits by subject teachers to engage young people in subject specific learning.

Senior Pupil Talks/Junior Pupils Visits

Senior Perth Academy Pupils will be offering visits to Primary Schools and answer any questions from P7 pupils. We received very positive feedback last year and we are offering this opportunity again. Some of the smaller primary schools had an online session.

Chris Forber our CLW is also happy to accommodate some visits to Primaries with former S1/2 pupils in term 4 to talk about their experiences of transition. These visits may be combined, and dates will be confirmed for term 4.

Perth Academy Events and Activities

Welcome to Perth Academy online event – 2 March 2023, 6 – 7pm MSTeams

We would like to extend a warm welcome and invite you and your child to a virtual drop-in session on MS Teams on Thursday 2 March from 6-7pm.

This will provide an opportunity for us to share the plans for transition in the weeks and months ahead, to give some general information about the life of the school and to answer any questions you or your child may have.

Parents evening 10 May 2023, 6pm to 8pm (in school)

This is an opportunity for young people and parents/carers to come into school to look around. Departments will be open to visit in person, meet some teachers and hear about future learning.

Transition Activities within Perth Academy

Chris Forber (CLW) is continuing to plan various activities such as the famous Cupcake/Traybake Challenge, meeting teachers and accessing the Library. These will be arranged on a school-by-school basis in Term 4.

Active Schools Event/After school PE event (in school) 7th June – PE dept.

A PE based event after school on 7th June, further details will follow.

Induction Days 8 and 9 June 2023 (in school)

Pupil timetables will be distributed to Primary Schools prior to the P7 to S1 Induction days. This information will be shared with young people the day before their visit. You will be provided with a letter to enable your child to access School Transport if this is required.

Enhanced Transition Activities (in Perth Academy)

Chris Forber, CLW continues to support children who require a more specialised transition programme, helping to build positive relationships over a longer period of time. Young people will attend one of 2 possible groups. Group 1 runs from 23 February to 16 March 2023 and Group 2 20 April to 11 May 2023.

Planning

Child's Plan (CYPP) Meetings and tracking ASN

We have established new ASN processes at Perth Academy this year and our new PT Support, Mick O'Gorman is attending CYPPs meetings to ensure we have a clear understanding of children's additional support needs.

Online survey for pupils (replacing 721 Forms)

We have created a new online Moving on to Perth Academy form for young people to complete. Your child's Primary school will indicate if they would like this completed in school or at home. These will be completed by the end of this term to allow time for class lists to be compiled and transition information shared with Guidance Teams.

Friendship groups are important for young people when they make a transition into a new environment. The Moving to Perth Academy form will ask young people to identify 3 friends. We may not be able to accommodate each young person's preferences, however we will plan with Primary Schools, taking account of the friendship groups to support smooth transitions. Each young person should have at least one friend in their new class. There are many opportunities once in Secondary School to build new friendship groups.

P7 Profiles

Profiling is an ongoing process at Perth Academy and will be re-visited during the PSE curriculum and updated each year. We are using the PKC recommended format which includes the Learner Statement, Skills, Achievements, Goals and Aspirations. The P7 Teachers will be planning with your child to have these completed prior to the transition days in June.

In term 4, Perth Academy will provide a booklet with key information for young people.