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Transition News 1

Welcome to the Alderman White School family and to your first Transition Newsletter. It already seems so long ago now since you received your offer of a place for September. We are very excited to get to know you all over the coming months. If you have not done so already, please do remember to let the admissions team at the authority know you wish to accept your place offer.

You will receive regular contact from us from via email throughout the remainder of this academic year, so it is important that we ensure we accurately have your most convenient email address. Please contact the school on 0115 9170424 or email our office manager: heather.crofts@whptrust.org to update these details, as necessary. This way, we can ensure together that you will not be missing out on any important information. You can also contact any of the transition team should you have any queries or feel the need to share any important information at this stage directly via:

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Your first email will contain details which enable you to access the required Student Personal Details and the Parental/Carer Permission Forms. Please check and complete this information. This is likely to be in the first week back after the Easter break (week beginning 18th April 2022). If you do not receive this email by Friday 22nd April, please do contact the school.

This newsletter is to welcome you into the Alderman White Community and start to guide you through the transition process.

We are very much expecting to run our usual induction programme in July, including the usual Induction Evening for Parents/Carers where you will have the opportunity to meet key staff and gain all the relevant information you require. Further details will of course be sent out in due course.

The important dates for your diary currently are:

Year 6 Induction Days:
Tuesday 5th July 2022
Wednesday 6th July 2022
Thursday 7th July 2022

Year 6 Induction evening: Wednesday 6th July 2022 (6:30pm to 8:00pm)

Preparation — What can parents and students do?

- Visit our website, www.aldermanwhite.school Here you will find lots of important information (particularly in the transition section).
- Parents: 'Like' and follow us on facebook for up-to-date feeds.
- Make a note of Mrs Holling's email in case of any questions or queries.

Ctrl and double click on the link below to access the Alderman White YouTube channel. Here you will find performances from a variety of productions and students...

[Alderman White YouTube Channel](#)

In the meantime, it would be great to start getting to know our new year 7's so we have come up with a few activities that we would like year 6 to have a go at:

The Task: #ThisisMe

Create a portfolio (a collection) of information to either bring to the school when you visit or email robert.palmer@whptrust.org

Your portfolio should include:

1. An introduction to yourself (what you want us to know about you!)
2. A letter to your Year 6 class teacher about the best things about your time at primary school (events/trips/lessons/teachers etc.). We will be sending these on once you have started at Alderman White.
3. Your favourite specialist subject – a chance to show off everything you know about a hobby or subject you love to your new teachers.
4. What you are most looking forward to about starting at Alderman White school.
5. A map of your journey to our school (including buses/trams/stops/timings etc.)
6. A letter to your new Year 7 tutor about why you will be a great addition to their tutor group and the Alderman White Community.

Your portfolio can be presented in any way you choose. Try to be creative and innovative (you may wish to look this word up in a dictionary?)

The due date for your portfolio is Thursday 7th July 2022.

Recommended resource to aid transition

This fantastic book, 'Go Big' by Former head teacher and star of Educating Yorkshire, Mr Matthew Burton, is a great read and has many ideas, tips, and advice on starting secondary school. It is not a compulsory purchase, just a read that some of you may find interesting.

We will be in touch again soon...

Mrs Holling

Assistant Headteacher – Personal Development

Mr Palmer

Year 7 Progress Leader

