



17th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Changes to our planned welcome days on 5th and 6th July 2021

Earlier this week the Prime Minister announced a delay to the easing of restrictions in England driven by rising cases of COVID-19 nationally. Following this announcement, the department for Education has written to schools with guidance regarding transition events. Schools have been advised not to mix bubbles from different primary settings, and as we are a large school with more than fifteen feeder primaries, this makes it challenging to hold meaningful in-person welcome days.

Based on these factors, regrettably we have no choice but to move our transition activities online rather than have students visit us here at The Dean Academy in person.

Online Transition – from Tuesday 6th July

On Tuesday 6th July we will release a package of information to answer the most common questions that parents and students have about the step up to secondary school. We will release a series of transition videos, guides, and virtual tours. Please look out for a link which we will send to you via email. As part of the materials look out for:

- Headteacher's welcome
- Welcome from our Year 7 tutor team and Head of Year
- A day in the life of a Year 7 student at The Dean Academy (video welcome from our Year 7 students)
- Virtual tour of the academy site and facilities
- Frequently Asked Questions document

On 6th July we will also send out a parents' welcome video with key information to ensure your child is as ready as possible for September and give you some key contacts should you have any questions.

We still plan to run our transition summer school as planned **Monday 23rd to Friday 28th August 2021**, alongside this package of virtual events and videos, ensuring your child will feel reassured, ready and prepared for this big next step.

Finally, please see attached a flyer from our uniform provider, Monkhouse. They will be visiting The Dean Academy on Tuesday 29th June and parents can use the link provided to book a slot to come in and pre-order uniform (spaces are limited due to COVI-19 restrictions).

We understand that your child might be disappointed by this news, but we hope you can understand our position and look forward to meeting you all in person during our summer school.

Yours sincerely

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