

29 April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I'm writing to you again following our first welcome letter in March. We are beginning to talk to all of our feeder primary schools about your sons and daughters and the information that we gather from them will help us place your child into their tutor group and the right groups for their subjects this September. We are also gathering information that will help ensure that we can put in any extra support, if required.

We will be in touch again with further information following this process and outlining our transition week, which we always really look forward to. To remind you, this runs from **Monday 19 to Friday 23 July**, the last week of the summer term. We will be inviting you - parents and carers - to an evening on **Wednesday 21 July, at 6:30pm** when you will be able to meet key staff and your son/daughter's new tutor.

I also have some very good news regarding our **summer school week** which is being run by our partner organisation, '**The Big Step**'. The government have decided to fund all secondary schools to run weeks such as this and this means that the week can now be offered to all of our 2021 new Year 7 children **FREE**. The week is taking place from the 16-20 August and runs 8.50-3.15 each day. With the extra funding now available, The Big Step will now also provide a free lunch each day to all participants and there will be some extra opportunities such as the involvement of players from Exeter Chiefs Women's team and a local martial arts club running sessions on self-control and mindfulness.

If you have already signed up and paid, you will be re-funded. We already have over 70 of our new Year 7s signed up and I would encourage you all to take up this great opportunity if you can. The week will help your children to meet their new peers, learn more about our school, expectations and routines, and give them the opportunity to take part in a raft of team building, fun and developmental activities. You need to **sign up by Friday 28 May** and if you do sign up, it is important that your son/daughter attends as our funding is dependent on this.

Please find links below to some videos which give you a flavour of the week and a link to the website to sign up, if you haven't already (PLEASE DON'T PAY).

[Promotional Video](#)

[Student Feedback](#)

<https://thebigstep.org>

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If you haven't already done so, please could you complete and send back the information data sheet that we sent out in March as soon as possible and before **Friday 14 May**. If you have any immediate questions or concerns, please email: [maire.cotterill@teignmouth.devon.sch.uk](mailto:maire.cotterill@teignmouth.devon.sch.uk) .

Yours sincerely,



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