

Dear Parents and Carers of our new cohort.

28 June 2022

As Head of Year 7 at TCS I am delighted to welcome your family to start with us in September. In my role I will be overseeing much of the transition from Y6 to Y7 and will shortly begin the process of visiting primary schools to meet your children in advance of them joining us for the transition days on the 19th and 20th July. Following our previous correspondence, we would just like to confirm that we hope our new students will be able to join us for both of the transition days, more details of which will follow in a couple of weeks.

You will inevitably have lots of questions about daily life at TCS and so I attach a handbook which outlines many of the key pieces of general information you might need: uniform and equipment requirements, timings of the school day and details of key staff members. You will also find a wealth of more detailed information on our school website and queries can usually be dealt with by our student services team: studentservices@teignmouthschool.co.uk On the evening of Wednesday 20th July we will also be inviting parents to join us in school which will give a chance to discuss anything further should you wish.

Starting secondary school should be an exciting time for children, but we of course understand that it can present challenges for some. We will be working hard in school to support your children with this process, but there is also plenty you can be doing at home. Talking to your children about their potential anxieties and preparing them for some of the differences is very helpful and there is plenty of independent advice available online for parents and carers supporting their child through school transition. The Anna Freud Centre for Children and Families offer lots of useful advice to families on a variety of topics but their specific school transition guidance can be accessed here:

<https://www.annafreud.org/schools-and-colleges/resources/supporting-childrens-transition-to-secondary-school-guidance-for-parents-and-carers/> There are also some excellent resources on the BBC website that can be shared with children and include celebrities offering tips and advice: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/tags/zh4wy9q/starting-secondary-school/1>

I hope you find the information enclosed useful. If you haven't yet done so, please do also follow our official social media feeds and/or bookmark this page <https://www.teignmouthsecondary.co.uk/key-stage-2-3-transition/> to keep up-to-date with the transition.

Yours Sincerely

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