

Wednesday 30th June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer(s),

I am writing with a further update on the transition arrangements for Bluecoat Trent Academy this term. It was lovely to meet so many of you at the Uniform Event on Friday. The level of enthusiasm from the students was amazing, hopefully seeing the building will have allayed some concerns too.

The transition phone calls are continuing this term. If you have missed the call, don't worry, we will get back to you as soon as we can.

It was our intention to host Transition Evenings in person however, due to the number of positive cases in the community we have been strongly advised to change this to a Virtual Event. We will host this via Teams on Wednesday 7th July, 6-7pm. The link will be on front page of the website:

<https://www.bluecoattrent.co.uk/>

On the night I will share information from the Parent Handbook and answer any questions you might have at this stage. The handbook will also be posted out to you after the event. We will introduce other key staff including the Assistant Principal; Jonny Cook. We know not attending in person is really disappointing, I assure you we feel the same way but we have to follow the advice in regards to Covid- safety.

Over the summer we want to strike a balance between making sure the students are preparing for secondary school and spending time with their families. To this end, the staff have made videos that we will share via the website so the students can find out more about each subject. They will also pose a question for the students to consider or research over the summer. We will also post a novel to you, which we hope students will read before they join us:



We love reading and this will be a focus for us in September. We hope this will be an enjoyable activity over the summer holiday and will give the students a shared experience to help them bond.

In terms of the activities we would have done in person on the Transition Days, we will save them for September and do them over the first week with the Tutor team. This will include 'getting to know you', 'making new friends' and 'finding your way round'.

The Academy Office Manager: Katie Gray will be in touch in the coming days regarding Form allocation for September, Free School Meal applications and the Uniform Bundle. We will also send out further details and a payment plan for the Ski Trip.

Finally, I am looking for any parents who would be interested in joining the Academy Advisory Board. This is the Academy's equivalent to a Governing Body. Please can I ask for expressions of interest to my email address: cmcmanus@archwaytrust.co.uk by Wednesday 7th July.

We fully intend and commit to you that we will make the transition as smooth as possible under these challenging and unique circumstances.

Start of term for year 7: **Monday 6th September.**

Take care,



Miss C McManus
Principal