



“In Christ we flourish”

19 June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to share with you our plans for your child’s transition to Saint Gregory’s and to provide further information and support for you and your child as they complete their time at primary school and begin the exciting adventure to Saint Gregory’s in September. We are really looking forward to meeting your family and working with you in the coming weeks, months and years as your child takes this important step in their academic journey.

I am sure that you will understand the complexities and challenges in this year’s transition process and I can assure you that this really is not how we like to do things! We are focused on trying to make the next few weeks as positive and exciting for your child as possible so that they can look forward to September in anticipation of the wonderful times ahead.

Unfortunately, we are not able to interact and communicate with you as we would wish to and this is disappointing for us all. We have adjusted our transition programme to give you further information on our plans and what you can expect from us.

EVENT	TRANSITION INFORMATION
Year 6 Welcome Pack	New students and their families will receive a Welcome Pack containing important information and useful guidance on joining our school community.
Year 6 Transition Web Page	There is a new dedicated slider image on our homepage which links to our Year 6 Transition web page. This page contains all the information about our transition process this year. You can find this at the following link: https://www.st-gregorys.org.uk/admissions/year-6-transition/ All information and updates will be sent to you by email (or post if we do not have your email address) and also uploaded here so that you have easy access.
Year 6 Welcome Film	On our website you will find our ‘Welcome to Saint Gregory’s’ film, made especially for our Year 6 pupils. You can find this at the following link: https://www.st-gregorys.org.uk/admissions/year-6-transition/
Languages Options	Attached to this letter are further details about the Languages offer at Saint Gregory’s. Please complete the information using the link provided by Fri 26 June.

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Parent and Pupil Survey	You will be asked to complete a short online survey to help tell us a little bit more about yourself, what your child is looking forward to or what concerns he/she may have.
Year 6 Academic Film	This short film will introduce you to our Heads of Faculty at Saint Gregory's, to tell you a little bit about their subject, introduce members of their team and help you to familiarise yourself with some of the things you might be learning in September.
The Virtual Treasure Hunt Challenge!	As students will be unable to attend their Induction Day in July, we will be setting them a fun challenge to navigate our website and find out lots of information about our school, staff and students!
Saint Gregory's Ambassadors' Q&A	Our amazing Saint Gregory's Ambassadors would normally be at the forefront of our transition programme and this year is no exception! They will be talking on film about their own transition experiences and answering common questions or worries – as well as all of the highlights your child can look forward to.
Year 6 Welcome Evening 2020 Wednesday 1 July 6-7.30pm	We are currently working towards a new online platform for this event allowing us to stream content to you and provide you with an opportunity to ask questions. The presentation will introduce key members of staff who will play a key role in supporting your son/daughter on their transition to Saint Gregory's. Further information will be provided on this shortly.
September start	Nearer the time, we will be sharing our planning and expectations for a September start. We have all scenarios planned for so please be assured that, whatever happens, our new Year 7 students and getting them settled into school life will be our priority and will receive the very best support and care.

Miss Miller is our new Head of Year 7 & Transition. She will be doing her very best to get around to primary schools before the end of July to meet with your child in person. Her role is to support you and your child through this process and ensure that they receive a warm welcome and settle well into Saint Gregory's. Miss Miller will be leading on many of the events detailed above so there will be plenty of opportunity for you to get to know her well in the coming weeks, however, if you do have any questions, or would like her support in anyway please do not hesitate to get in touch by email to millere@st-gregorys.org.uk or by telephoning the school on **01225 832873** and she will get back to you as soon as she is able.

I am sure that you will understand that our plans must remain fluid to the changing dynamics of this situation and updated government guidance, but please be assured that, at all times, our actions and decisions will be with your child's best interests at heart. We will of course keep in regular contact to update you as we progress.

Yours faithfully



Ms A Cusack
Headmistress

