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Dear Parents/Carers

Please note – a personalised copy of this letter will be posted to your home address on 8th July 2020.

Welcome to Helston Community College

We are delighted to be welcoming your child to the College and look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure that they have a happy and successful time at Helston. This letter outlines everything you need to know for their September start.

Transition Information Website Page

In light of Coronavirus, we are continuing to adapt and coordinate transition in the changing climate. Please could we direct you to our website transition page, which is continually being updated with a range of resources, links and the latest information:

https://www.helston.cornwall.sch.uk/web/transition_advice_year_6_to_7/318317

<u>Transition Page Contents</u>	
Curriculum Activities Page	Here you will find set work from a range of subjects at the College.
Enrolment Form	An electronic version of our enrolment form can be downloaded from this page.
Ordering Uniform and PE Kit – The Complete List	This document provides all the information and links you need to order uniform and PE kit.
Modern Foreign Languages Option	This Google Form allows you to select whether your child wishes to study Spanish or French.
Transition FAQs	A list of the frequently asked questions submitted via our recent transition questionnaire and our responses.
A letter from Mr Richardson	A letter from Mr Richardson welcoming the children to the College and encouraging the children to complete the All About Me Booklet.
All About Me Booklet	This booklet is a fun activity for the children to complete, where they can tell us all about their interests and raise any worries they may have about moving to secondary school.
BBC Bitesize Support	Here the children will find daily lessons to complete to help prepare them academically for their return to school. There are also short video clips and tips to ease their worries about moving to secondary school.
Reading List	We have provided a recommended reading list for Year 7 students, which Year 6 pupils can look to for reading inspiration. Helston Community College has a strong reading ethos and we recommend daily reading as part of our Homework Policy.
Meet Key Staff	This document allows you to view photographs of the Year 7 team. You will also be emailed a link to a welcome video from your child's tutor and key staff.
Virtual Tour	Take a virtual tour of the College and get to know the campus.



Modern Foreign Languages Option

At Helston Community College most students study Spanish. Our Modern Foreign Languages team are keen to offer French. We will only be able to offer French if there is sufficient interest. Please complete the 'Modern Foreign Languages Option' Google Form on our website transition page to indicate your child's preference. A link to this form can be found below.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScWdMGQO9MHYFGUV2_VPXk11oCwzIPSY7ZqYKABgitmx3k2g/viewform?usp=sf_link

Enrolment Forms

We still have a few outstanding enrolment forms for the new intake. If you have received a letter asking you to complete this paperwork, please do so as a matter of urgency so we can process it before the end of the summer term. An electronic version of the Enrolment Form is also available on our website transition page. Electronic copies can be emailed to acann@helston.cornwall.sch.uk. Printed copies can be posted to the following address:

FAO: Ms A Cann
South Site Secretary
Helston Community College
Church Hill
Helston
TR13 8NR

Uniform and PE Kit Orders

A reminder to please submit your uniform orders as soon as possible. The cut-off date is now Wednesday 15th July 2020.

To make an order, please go to the website transition page and select the PDF 'Ordering Uniform and PE Kit – The Complete List'. This document includes all the details and links you need to order blazers, badges, ties and PE kit. Paper copies of this form are available from North Site Reception for those who do not have access to the internet.

If you are paying by BACS please note our account details (Bank: **Southerly Point Co-operative MAT** / Account Number **54497360** / Sort Code **30/80/48** / Reference **Child's Full Name**). The Order Form will not take you to a payment page; you will need to pay through your mobile banking app. Alternatively, the College accepts cash and cheque payments via North Site Reception.

To adhere to social distancing, once uniform orders arrive, you will be contacted with a time slot to collect your order from North Site Reception. PE Kit will be delivered by AGAME to home addresses throughout July and August.

For further guidance, please go to our website transition page. If you have a specific query regarding uniform, please contact Mrs Graham (Uniform) and Mrs Lynes (Accounts) via email tgraham@helston.cornwall.sch.uk / jlynes@helston.cornwall.sch.uk.



Meet the Tutors

Each student has been assigned a form tutor and will be part of a tutor group. We understand that for many this is an important stage in your child's transition. In March, Year 6 teachers were contacted to provide us with suggested tutor groupings for the children. Our aim is to create eight tutor groups and one nurture group, which are balanced in size, gender and ability, as well as ensuring friendship requests are maintained. This is a challenging task and one we take a great deal of time to form. Children who are the only child transferring from their primary school will be paired with others in a similar position. Once your child has started with us in September, should there be a significant problem with tutor groups, please contact us.

I am pleased to inform you that your child is in **XX** and their tutor is **XX**.

We will be emailing a link to a welcome video from your child's tutor. Please provide us with an email address, if you have not already done so on your child's Enrolment Form.

What should my child bring on their first day?

On your child's first day they will need to bring a reading book and a pencil case containing a pen, pencil, rubber and ruler. Your child will be provided with exercise books, a Knowledge Organiser Booklet, a Homework Booklet and a plastic folder to keep their work in. On their first day, they will also be given their timetable and school computer login. Children do **NOT** need to bring their PE kit on the first day.

For children who are not bringing a packed lunch, the canteen will be open as normal. Those wishing to purchase a hot dinner, who are not in receipt of Free School Meals, should bring £2.30 cash. Canteen and Parent Pay accounts will be set up for you in late September/early October – further information about this will follow closer to the time. Children should bring a full water bottle.

What happens next?

We recommend the children work through the resources on our website transition page, which includes set work for a variety of subjects. This is not mandatory, but it is good practice for your child to attempt a few of the tasks.



When will they start?

We will be holding a transition day on **Monday 7th September 2020** and all Year 7 students should attend. The children will be met at the front of the South Site building at 8.30am on this day. They will be dismissed from the same location at 3.00pm. During the day, the children will take part in a range of activities to help familiarise themselves with the school campus and experience.

Following updated guidance from the government, the children should wear normal school uniform which is black school trousers, blue shirt (long or short-sleeved), blazer, tie, black socks and black school shoes.

Children with additional needs will be offered an additional transition event on **Friday 4th September 2020**. This event is invite only. The timings, drop-off and collection points, remain the same (8.30am and 3.00pm at the front of South Site). Invites will be posted to home addresses next week.

PLEASE NOTE – All plans are subject to change depending on government guidance and the progression of COVID-19. Please check the website latest news and information for confirmation at the very beginning of September.

Transport

If you need to apply for public transport or have any direct questions about bus routes and timings, please contact the Cornwall Council School Transport Team. A reminder of their contact details below.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-transport/transporteligibility@cornwall.gov.uk> / 0300 1234 222

I have just made a late application. Who should I contact?

Late applications can be made through Cornwall Council School Admissions. A reminder of their contact details below. An Enrolment Form will need to be completed and this can be downloaded from our website transition page.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/>

School Admissions
3 West
County Hall
Treyew Road
Truro
TR1 3AY

schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk / 0300 1234 101



Key Contacts

A reminder of the key contacts for Year 7.

South Site Secretary	Ms A Cann	acann@helston.cornwall.sch.uk
College Nurse	Ms A Bray	abray@helston.cornwall.sch.uk
Pastoral Support / Uniform Orders	Ms T Graham	tgraham@helston.cornwall.sch.uk
Accounts	Ms J Lynes	jlynes@helston.cornwall.sch.uk
Director KS3	Mr T Richardson	trichardson@helston.cornwall.sch.uk
Assistant Head KS3 / SENCO	Mr E McFadden	emcfadden@helston.cornwall.sch.uk

7A	Ms SJ Marsden	sjmarsden@helston.cornwall.sch.uk
7B	Ms M Spinks	MSpink@helston.cornwall.sch.uk
7C	Ms L Allsey / Ms C Hutchings	LAllsey@helston.cornwall.sch.uk CHutchings@helston.cornwall.sch.uk
7D	Mr KJ Trevithick	KTREVITHICK@helston.cornwall.sch.uk
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7F	Mr J Dudley	JDudley@helston.cornwall.sch.uk
7G	Mr J Stuteley	JStuteley@helston.cornwall.sch.uk
7H	Ms J Nelson	JNelson@helston.cornwall.sch.uk
7J	Ms C Bloor	CBloor@helston.cornwall.sch.uk

If you have any urgent questions that the answers cannot be found on our website, please contact the College.

We look forward to seeing your child in September and wish them success in the next stage of their education.

Yours sincerely

Mr E McFadden
Assistant Head KS3
SENCO

Mr T Richardson
Director KS3

Ms A Cann
South Site Secretary