



BROOKVALE GROBY LEARNING CAMPUS

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Dear Parent / Carer

As promised by Mr Teece last week, we are now in a position to be able to offer some more information regarding our plans for transition for students joining us in Year 7 next academic year.

We know that this has been an unsettling time for some of you but we hope that the events and activities that we have planned, and which are presented below, will start to build the sense of excitement for your children as well as providing some reassurance.

Most urgently, we would like to invite any child, along with one adult, to come to campus one evening in the next two weeks. We know that for many students knowing where to go on day one in August feels really important, as well as just having a look around what will very soon be their own school. Timescales are tight, and we apologise for that, but there are a number of schools that we need to invite while making sure that primary school bubbles are protected and, naturally, there are activities taking place in primary schools that we don't want to interfere with.

If you would like to come to campus on the time allocated to your primary school please fill in this google form - [LINK FOUND HERE](#). This will be important for Covid Track and Trace purposes should we need it after the event. Attendance is not compulsory although we are sure most children will want to come. Please can you come onto campus no earlier than 10 minutes before your time slot to avoid overcrowding. Our staff will be on the drive in high vis jackets to guide you in the right direction from that point.

In addition to this event, in the next few days you will also receive notification of which tutor group your son or daughter will be in next year. From Monday of next week the individual tutors will be posting videos or pen portraits introducing themselves on the VIP transition section of our school website. At this stage the children are invited to complete and send in to their tutor the "Best of Me" activity. Instructions for this are also on the website. This will be shared with tutors so that they can get to know your son / daughter a little before they meet face to face in August. If you have already sent in a "Best of Me" activity, don't worry it will be passed on to your tutor.

At the end of the "Best of Me" activity students are also invited to write a question that they would like us to answer and we will do that in one of the sessions after the live Maths and English lesson.

On each Primary School visit day Mrs Tointon will be running a session designed for SEND students, from 4.30pm until 5pm. Please indicate on the google form if you wish to attend.

We look forward to seeing some of you next week and all of you very soon.

Yours sincerely

Mr G Godwin
Senior Deputy Headteacher

Why have we cancelled Transition Days?

We made the very difficult decision to cancel these events due a range of factors the main ones being:

- A rise in cases on our campus and within local schools
- To protect the education of students at both our own campus and primary schools and avoid bubble closures
- Upon guidance from the DFE on the need to maintain the discrete bubbles from each Primary School and not allow mixing, with over 20 feeder schools this simply is not possible with the capacity we have
- Upon talking to other secondary schools who were also in a similar situation and shared the same concerns.

Why are some schools still doing events?

Every school has to take account of their own unique context and in this instance ensure they can mitigate the risks sufficiently to minimise cases. There will always be an element of judgement to such decisions and schools may feel more confident they can run these events safely, given the number of cases they have, the site layout etc.

That said, I am aware of a number of schools now changing their plans even later in the day.

Why did we find out so late about the cancellation?

We know how important these events are for your child and you therefore we were determined to do all we can to make these events happen this year. I have visited all except one of our Primary Schools to meet your child face to face to welcome them to our campus and induct them into our school. I had desperately hoped we could do these days this year, with the change to the roadmap and rising cases, this was no longer a viable or safe option.

Why haven't we had the information about new plans in a timely fashion?

As you can imagine these events take a lot of planning and we had planned to run them face to face, so now we are back to the drawing board. The timing is such that it has also coincided with the TAG (Teacher Assessed Grades - in the absence of GCSE / A-Levels) process in schools this year which has added an immense amount of additional work on all secondary schools. This has meant we haven't been able to be as agile and efficient as we would have liked.

How will we ensure a smooth transition?

We have detailed our new plans within this letter and we are also planning additional events for students who may be vulnerable or have specific needs; these will be arranged directly in partnership with each of our Primary Schools.

W Teece
Headteacher

Year 7 Transition June / July 2021

Date / Time	Activity
By week commencing Mon 21 June	Tutor groups to be notified to students / parents
Mon 21 June	Tutor 'Welcome Videos' live on website
Mon 21 June @ 3.45pm	Martinshaw Primary children invited to campus
Mon 21 June @ 5.00pm	The Hall School children invited to campus
Tues 22 June @ 3.45pm	Ratby Primary children invited to campus
Tues 22 June @ 5.00pm	Glenfield Primary children invited to campus
Wed 23 June @ 3.45pm	Elizabeth Woodville children invited to campus
Wed 23 June @ 5.00pm	Kirby Muxloe Primary children invited to campus
Week commencing Mon 28 June	Transition books delivered to feeder primary schools
Mon 28 June - Evening	Headteachers Presentation to Parents / Carers goes live on website
Tues 29 June @ 3.45pm	Lady Jane Grey Primary children invited to campus
Tues 29 June @ 5.00pm	Newtown Linford Primary and all other non-feeder primary school children invited to campus
Wed 30 June @ 2.00pm and then posted as a recording on BGLC website that evening. (Some feeder primary schools will show the session live)	Live Maths lesson followed by Q and A with post 16 student leaders. (Questions taken from those sent in on "Best of Me")
Thur 1 July @ 2.00pm and then posted as a recording on BGLC website that evening. (Some feeder primary schools will show the session live)	Live English lesson followed by Q and A with Mrs Rumming and Mr Godwin. (Questions taken from those sent in on "Best of Me")

All Transition videos and documents can be seen on the campus website and accessed via the red VIP Y6 tab on the right handside of the home page.