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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well.

I am delighted that you have chosen St Mary's for your child's secondary education and I am confident that your child will be very happy here and enjoy a very successful education with us.

Due to the lifting of some national restrictions, we are very much hoping to invite your child into St Mary's for two transition days in July and we are looking forward to this. We will also be able to lead much other transition work over the summer term, including liaising with your child's primary school to gather information both academic and pastoral about your child in advance of September. However, due to current circumstances, we will not be able to hold our usual Intake Evening for parents. Therefore, the detailed information usually shared with parents during this evening will be shared instead via letters and booklets, as well as several videos that will be uploaded to the school website. We will let you know when these are uploaded.

In terms of the two transition days for your child, all Year 6 students will be invited to spend two full days with us here at St Mary's on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021**. Both days start at 8.45am and finish at 3.00pm. Primary school uniform should be worn on both of these days. Of course, our number one priority is the health and safety of all students and staff and we will be in touch regarding further health and safety information for these days nearer the time. Whilst we really hope these days can go ahead, of course they may be subject to change depending on national and regional developments and possible changes to government guidelines.

This year we are also hoping to hold a Summer School week during the first week of the summer holidays from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021. The week will be offered to all Year 6 students joining us in September and will be an excellent opportunity for these students to spend more time getting to know our staff and each other. The week will include a combination of literacy and numeracy sessions, as well as taster lessons in subjects which are new to the students. The week will also include enrichment activities. Further information will follow regarding the practical arrangements for the Summer School week and how to sign up for this.

Miss Lague, Director of Student Support, leads on transition at St Mary's and will liaise with all primary schools in order to gather information about your child in advance of September. Miss Lague will also be in touch with you over the coming weeks with further transition information. We will be working hard to make sure that your child receives the best transition support and that they have a fantastic start to life at St Mary's when they join us.

We look forward to meeting you soon, welcoming your child to St Mary's and to working with you over the next seven years.

Very best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Patterson  
Headteacher