

Devonport High School for Boys

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Dear Parent/Carer

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with relevant information about the transition process for your son joining us in September 2021.

### **Transition Pack**

Your son will receive a Transition Pack in the post in the next couple of days. This will contain a cover letter which will include information about the contents of the pack but also which Form Group and House your son will be in, along with the language he will study.

Your son will also receive a Transition Booklet and Digital Challenge - none of these activities are compulsory and they are not designed to be onerous but can support you and your son with their transition to secondary school and provide an opportunity to earn points for their House!

Please see below the information about the My Child at School (MCaS) portal which will also be sent in the Transition Pack.

### **Familiarisation Morning**

I am pleased to say that providing the Government Covid-19 restrictions are lifted on 21 June 2021, each Form Group will have an opportunity to visit DHSB for a Familiarisation Morning. This will include an opportunity to have a tour of the school site, meet the Pastoral team and spend time with their Tutor and fellow members of their Form Group.

7C & 7E	Wednesday 7 July 2021	9:30am - 11:45am
7N & 7P	Thursday 8 July 2021	9:30am - 11:45am
7S & 7W	Friday 9 July 2021	9:30am - 11:45am

You will be sent an invitation via email after 21 June 2021 which will confirm all of the details and arrangements but you may wish to provisionally request a leave of authorised absence from your son's Primary School prior to this.

## **Uniform**

Please see the uniform guide for Devonport High School for Boys using this link.

### [Link to Uniform Guide and Ordering Information](#)

The window for ordering will be from Monday 24 May to Sunday 13 June and you will be able to order online using a link that will be emailed to you separately.

## **My Child at School Account**

Within your son's Transition Pack, you will find a letter providing information about the My Child at School (MCaS) portal. This is a system whereby from September you will be able to see your son's personal information; timetable; behaviour record; homework set; assessment information and any communications sent from the school. Please read the letter carefully and follow the instructions on how to set up your account. For any assistance with this, please use the links provided on the letter.

Please note that if you currently have a child at DHSB then you **will not** need to create another account, please ignore the letter if you have already set up your account.

## **Chromebook Scheme**

Please use the link below to access information about our Student Device Provision Programme. It will contain all of the information about how the scheme works and how to order if you are interested.

### [Link to Chromebook Scheme Information](#)

## **Summer School**

The government has asked schools to consider providing a summer school with opportunities for young people to support their transition to secondary school and we are exploring the possibility of holding a summer school for one week at DHSB from Monday 9 August to Friday 13 August 2021. We are not in a position to determine if we can definitely offer something yet for many reasons but if this is an opportunity that your son would be interested in please complete the expression of interest form at the link below by Monday 24 May at 9.00am.

Please only complete the form if your son is available to attend every day during the week beginning Monday 9 August 2021. All students joining DHSB in Year 7 in September 2021 are eligible to attend but it is not necessary or essential that they do so.

If the summer school goes ahead then there will be no cost to families and both academic and social activities will probably be included.

The deadline for an expression of interest is Monday 24 May at 9.00am.

### [Link to Google Form](#)

## **Medical Information**

In order to safely manage any medical needs there are certain forms and care plans we require you to complete. Please use the links below to provide the required information if your son has Asthma, uses an EpiPen or will be regularly taking medication during the school day.

[Link to Asthma Consent Form](#)

[Link to Asthma Plan](#)

[Link to EpiPen Plan](#)

[Link to Medicine Administering Consent Form](#)

All links included in this letter will also be available on the school website, under Admissions and New Students.

If you have any questions about any of the information in this letter, please contact me on the details below.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melanie Walker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

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