

“Life in All Its Fullness” John 10:10

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Re. Moving up to The Ilfracombe Academy

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure all our Year 6 students that you are very much in our thoughts and we are determined to make your transition into Year 7 run as smoothly as possible, despite the challenging situation that we all find ourselves in at the moment.

I am Mr Rogers and I am excited to be writing to you as Headteacher of The Ilfracombe Academy. I know that everything feels a bit unsettling at the moment with all the issues surrounding the social distancing measures that we are having to follow in schools. I understand this as my own daughter is currently in Year 7 and has experienced transition to a secondary school during the pandemic. However, please rest assured that Mr Tilley, your new Head of Year, and Ms Young, your new Pastoral Coordinator, are putting together a really good transition package to make you feel at home in your new school.

We are following all the Government and DfE guidance and have a plan in place to ensure your transition experience is as effective as it possibly can be during these times. We want to ensure that you receive the same transition experience as previous years, but also understand that we might need to adapt certain aspects to follow current guidelines. This might mean, for example, that we only invite a few Primary Schools at a time to visit the school rather than the whole year group.

We are also continuing to work closely with your Primary School to ensure that we have all the information we need to make your time at The Ilfracombe Academy a success, and to make sure that we challenge and support you in the right ways to enable you to make great progress. This may include discussions between your school and our Special Educational Needs team to arrange any extra transition visits for those students that need more support. We want you all to feel comfortable and happy in your new school, as we know that it will help you to reach your full potential.

To help you prepare for secondary school you might want to look at some educational platforms that have ‘Secondary Ready’ content such as BBC Bitesize. This could include the following:

Starting at Secondary School

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/tags/zh4wy9q/starting-secondary-school/1>

Key Stage 3

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z4kw2hv>

I hope this letter helps to put your mind at rest that your successful transition and future at The Ilfracombe Academy is in the forefront of our minds. After May half term Mr Tilley will be in touch to introduce himself to you in person. He will ensure that we continue to keep in touch with you and your Parents/Carers throughout the summer term, so that you are kept fully up to date with our plans.

Until I get to meet you in person please ensure that you listen to all the good advice from your Parents/Carers to keep you and your family safe, and any guidance given by your Year 6 teachers about the transition process.

Yours sincerely



Mr S Rogers
Headteacher