



St. Joseph's RC High School

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Dear parent and care giver

NEW YEAR 7 TRANSITION INFORMATION

It gives me great pleasure in welcoming you to St Joseph's RC High School community. We are genuinely excited about working with you and looking forward to what the future holds. The purpose of this letter is to highlight the school's immediate intentions regarding how we will work with you to ensure our young people and families receive the information they require in order to plan, budget and prepare in the months ahead.

Current school closure, social distancing and lock down procedures are severely restricting our planned transition programme. However, we are hoping that with innovation and creativity, this will not affect the quality, content and regularity of the support we intend to provide. Our key objective over the next few weeks is to work in close collaboration with our primary schools to gain accurate pastoral and academic information so as to co-construct pastoral forms and teaching groups. Everything we do is aimed at nurturing our new year 7 cohort so that they are safe, happy and motivated individuals who settle quickly into the rhythm and routines of busy high school life.

At this time of year our normal intensive and interactive transition procedure would have involved myself and Mr James visiting primary schools so that we could undertake 'hot seating' question and answer sessions with the pupils and speak to year 6 / head teachers. Unfortunately, this is not possible at the moment. Therefore, the school will be providing revised information sharing opportunities as well as continuing to plan for calendared events such as those listed below:

- Please follow the transition link on our school website where families will be able to view our transition booklet and keep up to date with new releases. <https://www.sjhs.newport.sch.uk/page/?title=KS2+Transition&pid=61>
- There is also a wealth of information on the website that will allow families to appreciate 'school life' at St Joseph's RC High School.
- Mr James is contactable via ojames@sjhs.newport.sch.uk for those families who have specific queries.
- Myself and Mr James will be releasing a number of short videos each week to help families prepare, these will be put on our website for easy access regardless of location or device. Topics will include; uniform, standards, travel to school, new opportunities, canteen, equipment, our vision, timetable, do's and don'ts, creating the best year group possible and supporting each other.
- We continue to plan for our annual Transition Evening on Wednesday July 1.

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- This will be followed by two days of transition experience where pupils visit St Joseph's RC HS on Thursday July 2 and Friday July 3. Details to follow in the coming weeks.
- We continue to listen to government advice as to the possibility of these events being held but St Joseph's will keep families regularly notified and informed.

I sincerely hope that you are safe and well in this unique climate of uncertainty. However, please take comfort in the fact that St Joseph's RC High School is eager to work in partnership with every family to ensure we give you the strength, guidance, encouragement and confidence in the next chapter of your child's development.

Yours sincerely



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ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER