

Dear student,

I hope that both you and your families are keeping well in these challenging and uncertain times. I am delighted that you will be joining our school for the next part of your school journey. We are excited for you to experience what school life is like here and we are really looking forward to meeting and getting to know you and your families.

This year we are going to have to make some changes to our calendar of transition events due to the current situation. We will not be holding any large scale visits, transition days or evenings before the end of term. If you have older brothers and sisters then they may have told you about their Year 6/7 transition activities but this year it will be different. I would like to let you know about some of the things we are doing:

- Our 2020 Transition section will be available from Monday 8th June - accessed through our main D.C.H.S. website. We hope that this will answer most of the questions that you have....have a good look with a member of your family from Monday. There is information about school uniform and P.E. kit, menus, the Student Support team, etc.

<https://sites.google.com/dchs-alnwick.uk/transition/home>

- We have been working with and continue to work with your Primary Schools to help us best support you in moving to our school.
- Over the coming weeks we intend to have a number of activities that you and your parents/carers can engage with whether you are physically in school or not.

They include:

- A Pen Portrait activity that can be completed together with your parent/carer.
- A 'Treasure Chest' activity that will allow you to share your most treasured possessions and memories. I will also be sharing my 'Treasure Chest' with you virtually through the Transition website - so keep an eye out for that! You may even get to find out what University Sports Team I was on...
- Your Year 6 teachers are organising a list of questions from you that can be sent to us here at D.C.H.S. We will then share the answers to these questions with you.

I hope that you too are excited to join us here at the D.C.H.S. I look forward to meeting you all.

Mrs Hopper

