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June 3rd 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope that your son/daughter is beginning to feel excited about their transition to secondary school including all the fantastic opportunities that we are able to provide for Year 7.

Your son/daughter will already have experienced an online Questions and Answer session with some Year 7 pupils who attended the same primary school a few weeks ago. Currently, Mrs Cassie Thomas Achievement Leader for Year 7 is meeting all Year 6 teachers as part of the final preparations before we welcome Year 6 to two full transition days later this month based on the HHVCS site.

Year 6 Pupils who are due to transition to HHVCS in September are invited to spend two transition days at HHVCS on Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th June. During these days they will meet their Form Tutors and other pupils in their tutor groups, as well as taking part in lessons in a variety of different subject areas. At the end of the second day, we will be holding a family barbeque for parents to come along to (please bring cash if wanting to buy something from the BBQ as contactless may not be possible). During the barbecue, we will hold two opportunities for Question & Answer sessions in the Hall (4:30pm and 5:30pm) which we encourage you to attend if possible. This will also give you an opportunity to be introduced to key members of staff.

If you wish for your child to stay for the barbecue, they are welcome to remain at HHVC at the end of the day on Thursday from 3:15pm, in the atrium areas as long as you are able to join them shortly afterwards (from 4pm). The barbeque will end at 6pm. Please do not drive on to the school site until *after* 3:30pm after our buses and car collection have left.

Times of Day and Transport

- The transition days will follow our normal school times, starting at 8:45am and ending at 3:15pm.
- All Year 6 will be directed into the hall by 8:45 am on Wednesday 26th June where their form tutors will meet them.
- Pupils eligible for free bus travel will be able to use school buses on the transition days, as they will in September. Here is a link to the transport timetable <u>HH Transport Timetable Pembs LA</u> with the times and locations that the buses currently run for Haverfordwest High VC School
- If you are dropping your child off at school, please access the site from the A40 (new road entrance) where you will see the drop off bays. We will be able to provide access into the school from 8:30 am onwards. If walking to school access is available from the Prendergast entrance close to Pembrokeshire Sports Village, the Queensway gate or the front gate.

Food and Drink

- You should shortly be receiving information from PCC Catering Department about the food card and biometric options to purchase food in the post. Link here to <u>biometric information</u>. Of course, your child may wish to bring their own packed lunch with them instead. Pupils will not be able to buy food with cash in school.
- If you believe you are eligible to apply for free school meals we urge you to do so as soon as possible. Here is a link to the relevant information Free School Meal Information and Pembs CC Free School Meal Info.
- We are a water-only school so please send your child with a refillable water bottle. We have water stations around school that pupils can use to fill their bottles with.



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<u>Uniform</u>

- We request that pupils wear their current primary school uniform or leavers hoodies on the transition days, as this helps us to identify pupils when the need arises.
- It is advisable for pupils to wear trainers for the transition days as they may take part in a PE lesson or other types of practical activities around the school site.
- During the family barbecue, there will be an opportunity for you to browse our range of uniform and try items on to check sizing.

Other Information

If you require additional information about uniform etc. in readiness for September, please take a
look at our <u>Transition Website</u>. For other information about our school, recent news, letters sent
home and any updates please look at our school website <u>HHVCS website</u> including a new link to our
<u>Family Support page</u>.

We look forward to welcoming Year 6 to Haverfordwest High very soon, I am sure they will have a most enjoyable and exciting experience.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Harries
Pennaeth/Headteacher

