

July 2021

“Supporting the transition from Year 6 to Year 7”

Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to our Year 6 to Year 7 information pack. We trust it answers all of your questions and prepares your child for what we hope will be a fulfilling experience at Poltair School. As a student, your child will be expected to work hard at all times and to always try their best. We strive to ensure that all learners feel happy and safe through promoting a love for learning. The school has high expectations on behaviour, attendance, punctuality and appearance. Our students are expected to be polite, respectful, helpful and wear their uniform with pride. Poltair School is an exciting place to be and I look forward to welcoming you into our school community. Within this letter and transition booklet you will find all the essential information you require to make a smooth transition to secondary school.

I am pleased to inform you that your child has been placed in X Tutor Group which is in X house.

Due to the current situation we are unable to offer our traditional Transition Days and Transition Evening but we have created a ‘virtual’ alternative as follows:

- Thursday 8th July – a series of short informative films will be made available to parents/ carers of Year 6 students joining us in September compiled by the Head of Year, Tutor Team and student Transition Ambassadors.
- Friday 9th July – Virtual Transition Day. Year 6 students will have the opportunity to take part in a Virtual Transition Day. They will watch a welcome message from the Head Teacher and Head of Year, take part in 4 lessons and be set a challenge ready for September. This ‘Virtual’ day will be delivered at the Primary schools for those students attending school and can also be accessed, from 8th July on our website for those students learning at home.

We appreciate that there is a lot of information for you and your child to digest in preparation for their new start. So, following the transition process on the days above, and after reading the transition booklet, if you still have any general queries then do email our transition team at transition@poltair.cornwall.sch.uk on the week of 12th July. We will endeavour to get those queries to the right staff and get back to you. If your query relates to SEND or a known health need then we will have had this information from your Primary school and this will be shared with tutors and staff as part of our normal transition process, so there is no need to raise this at this point. Our SEND and First Aid team will manage those areas of need.

You will be able to find all of the transition material on our website on the days above: www.poltairschool.co.uk.

Super Sixes Summer School - I would much rather have met all the students in person over the two transition days prior to the summer holidays, however, we do have some exciting news, as advised in my email to you last week. Poltair School will be running a ‘Super Sixes Summer School’ from Monday 16th August through to Friday 20th August, where all students transitioning to Poltair in September from the different feeder primary schools, are invited to come and familiarise themselves with the school. They will meet some key staff, make new friends and take part in some fun learning activities that will focus on The Five Ways Initiative to well-being; Keep learning, Give, Take Notice, Connect and Be Active.

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The Super Sixes Summer School is free of charge to all students and we would encourage parents/carers to enrol their child in to this provision, especially now the traditional transition days are not being held on school site. Please scan the QR code below or link to enable you to sign up for specific days or all week. If you sign your child up to three days Monday - Thursday they will then be able to experience an all-inclusive water sports day on the Friday again free of charge.

If you have any questions regarding the Super Sixes Summer School please don't hesitate to contact Miss Emma Moore via email at emoore@poltair.cornwall.sch.uk

Poltair Super Sixes Summer School sign up QR Code

<https://tinyurl.com/ppx2ec6u>



Admission Form – In readiness for September we will require you to complete our school admission form. This will include contact/medical and dietary information that we must hold for your child. Please access and complete using the QR code or link below. It is extremely important that we have this completed by the end of July. A hard copy form can be sent to you if you cannot complete online but must be requested by calling reception on 01726 874520/ secretary@poltair.cornwall.sch.uk.

Admission Form QR code / <https://tinyurl.com/h7758baz>

Start of Autumn Term - The new term will commence on Thursday 2nd September for Year 7 and Year 11 only. Students will spend the day with their tutor, participating in a range of activities designed to help make new friends and get to know their new school. On Friday 3rd September all students will go to Swanpool Beach near Falmouth to work with Elemental UK for a water sports team building day. Students will again be with their tutor to overcome challenges and fears together, building a strong relationship based on trust to support each other at Poltair School. This experience is free of charge and you can find more details in the transition booklet. Please ensure you have given your consent for your child to attend this day by scanning the adjacent QR code or use the link.

Elemental UK trip parental consent form QR code

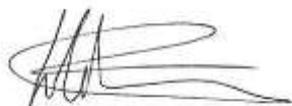
<https://tinyurl.com/c2w92w5h>



Finally, it would be beneficial to all students and parents to read the transition booklet and to regularly check the Poltair school website for transition updates and information. There is essential information on the transition webpage to support students and parents through this process including how to apply for FSM and school Transport.

I hope you have a great summer break and look forward to seeing you all on Thursday 2nd September.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Lee Adams
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