

Dear Parent/Carer May 2020

## **Hope Academy Transition Programme – Class of 2025**

May we take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Hope Academy. We hope that they will be very happy during their time here. It is so very strange to be writing to you about Transition in these unprecedented times and how the Transition journey to Hope Academy is going to have to adapt and look different this year. Typically, we would have already started going into primary schools, meeting lots of excited and curious children and having in depth discussions with their teachers. Transition to Secondary school is such an important journey and we value this and always try to offer a comprehensive transition package that sets the highest expectations for our students, embeds our Core Values and Vision and gives a friendly, warm welcome to the Academy.

Under current social-distancing restrictions and whilst it is still uncertain when schools will re-open, we have decided to host a 'Virtual Transition Programme'. We would like to reassure you that this will not affect your child's introduction to the Academy as we have some wonderful plans for them now and in the future.

Before we introduce you to our transition programme, we would like to inform you of exciting organisation changes for the Class of 2025. Mr Robinson will become Head of KS3 and Transition Lead and Miss Green has been appointed as Head of Year 7. You will get to know them more during the coming months and years.

Our 'Virtual Transition Programme' will commence week beginning Monday 15th June and take place at your child's primary school, or your home, depending on whether your child will be returning to school. We have enclosed further details of the programme for your information. All activities will be accessible from school, and home, therefore your child will not be disadvantaged if transition is completed at home.

We will be hosting 'Virtual Parent meetings' that will give you the opportunity to listen to the plans we have for your children; there will be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have. The meetings will take place using Microsoft Teams and are scheduled as follows:

Date/Time	6.00pm-7.00pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	St Mary's Catholic Junior School
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Wargrave CofE Primary School
Wednesday 24th June	Newton Primary School
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	St Peter's CofE Primary School and Lyme Primary School
Friday	Winwick CofE Primary School, St Lewis' Catholic Primary School, All Saints Catholic Primary
26 <sup>th</sup> June	School, St Paul of the Cross Catholic Primary School
	Burtonwood Community Primary School, Lowton West Primary School,
	Newchurch Community Primary School, Park Road Community Primary School, Rectory CofE
	Primary School, St Anne's Catholic Primary School, Tower College, St Barnabas CofE Primary
	School, Woolston community Primary School
Monday 29th June	The District CofE Primary School



















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Further Information regarding the 'Virtual Transition Week' and 'Virtual Parent Meetings' including instructions on how to access the meeting via Microsoft Teams will be placed in the dedicated Transition section on our website week beginning Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Click HERE to access our website.

We are planning a host of other activities for your children before the end of the academic year including face to face time with their tutor and the opportunity to explore further learning opportunities. Further details will be shared with you during the Virtual Parent Meetings.

Please find enclosed a Student Admission Form, which you need to complete and return in the reply paid envelope provided by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May. It is extremely important that we have your e-mail address to ensure that you receive an invitation to join the Virtual Parent Meeting - it will also be our main form of communication during transition. If you do not have an e-mail address, please contact the Academy on 01744 671930 and we will make sure that all transition correspondence is posted to you.

Once again, we look forward to welcoming your child to Hope Academy and working in partnership together. We encourage you to follow us on Twitter and keep up-to-date with daily news events and celebrations by following these Twitter accounts: <a href="mailto:@Hope\_Academy">@Hope\_Classof2025</a> and <a href="mailto:@HopeChaplain">@HopeChaplain</a>. If you have any queries or comments, we have a dedicated e-mail address for parents: <a href="https://hopeClassof2025@sthelens.org.uk">HopeClassof2025@sthelens.org.uk</a>.

Yours faithfully

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