

**Principal: Tony Meneagh**

**Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

## **Year 6 into 7 Primary Transition 2024**

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are well. It was great to see so many of you at our parent/carer Welcome Evening on Monday and to welcome the Year 6 pupils to St Ivo Academy this week. I hope they enjoyed their taster activities and are looking forward to joining us in September. Congratulations to all students taking part in the sports events with such enthusiasm and especially 7SHL who were very worthy winners!

### **Transition Webpage**

We have now put together a Year 6 into 7 transition page on the main Academy website available here: <https://www.astreastivo.org/year-6-into-7-transition/> which includes various resources and materials we hope you find useful. You will also find copies of the presentations used on Monday evening in case you were unable to attend or for your reference.

### **Summer Tasks**

Whilst the most important task for your child to complete over the summer holiday is enjoying the break from school life, we believe it is prudent to provide some short transition activities to prepare students for the new school year. Please find on the transition webpage above electronic copies of the *My Father is a Polar Bear* story and Sparx Maths workbook, which your child was issued on Monday. We would strongly encourage your son/daughter to read the story over the summer and complete as many Maths tasks as they are able. If they bring this back to their Maths teacher in September, they will receive house points. Pupils should not worry about these activities and complete as much as they are able.

### **Uniform Updates**

We have this week received assurance from our uniform supplier, Chroma, that any orders required before school starts in September need to be placed with them by **Monday, 05<sup>th</sup> August**. Orders after this date may not be ready before the September start. Parents and carers are able to collect orders delivered to St Ivo on GCSE results day, **Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August, between 10am – 1pm**. Please ensure you put St Ivo down as the delivery address if you wish to use this option.

For those of you who have ordered via school (mainly Pupil Premium orders), Chroma will send you an individual e-mail to let you know when your order is ready to be collected from main reception at St Ivo. Please keep an eye on your e-mails over the summer holidays for this information.

Thank you to those people who provided initials for backpacks. Chroma now have all of this information and will put the relevant initials on backpacks when they are ordered. These will then be delivered by Chroma, as part of your order, alongside all other items.

Further details are available here: [www.chromasport.co.uk](http://www.chromasport.co.uk).

### **Form Groups**

Thank you to parents/carers who have contacted us regarding the new Year 7 form groups. I am sure you will appreciate the complexity of the task before us: placing 250 pupils coming to us from a plethora of primary feeder schools. The groups have been put together based on a wide range of information which is prioritised according to need. Form groups are only together in the morning from 8:30-8:55am. Sadly, it has not been possible to ensure all students are placed with their friendship groups. We would kindly ask for your support in allowing students time to get used to the new school routines in September, including the two-week timetable, as they will be in lessons with people from other forms. We are therefore not in a position to make any changes to form groups at this time. Thank you for your understanding.

### **My Child at School**

The My Child at School (MCAS) Parent App invitations have now been sent to parents and carers. This information will explain how you can register your new account or add your Year 6 child to an existing account. If you have any issues relating to this, please contact Miss Hannon, Data Manager, at: [eija.hannon@astreastivo.org](mailto:eija.hannon@astreastivo.org). Additionally, the House your child has been allocated has also been sent home.

### **Water Safety**

I discussed with pupils on Tuesday the importance of staying safe over the summer holidays, particularly when out and about near rivers or water. I would be very grateful if you could reiterate this message at home so that our young people know how to look after themselves, and others, when they are swimming or undertaking similar activities.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and wish you all a happy, safe and restful summer. I look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 scholars, in full school uniform, to St Ivo Academy on **Tuesday, 03<sup>rd</sup> September at 8.30am**. We will meet at the Basketball courts at the One Leisure entrance.

With very best wishes,

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