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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families are well. I am writing to update you on the arrangements for transition 2021 following the updated government guidance on COVID lockdown rules announced this week.

Transition Days

Unfortunately, we have now had confirmation that we are unable to go ahead with our traditional transition. This means that we must cancel our parent transition meetings on **22nd** and **23rd June** and the student transition days on **5th** and **6th July**. I understand that this is incredibly disappointing for you and your child, who would have been looking forward to visiting their new school. The decision has been made by the local authority and will apply to all schools in Telford and Wrekin, including all schools in The Learning Community Trust. I am so sorry we have had to make this decision. We were really looking forward to welcoming our new students and the activities that were planned.

We know how important transition is to our students, so I am pleased to say that we are able to offer an alternative date at the start of next term. Year 7 will be able to join us in school before the return of some of our other students. We will confirm details later in the term with the timings of these arrangements.

We are also planning a virtual transition evening which will provide parents, carers and students with the opportunity to ask questions and meet key staff over Teams. More information and a link to the presentation will be sent to you before the event. Information on the school website regarding transition is being updated given the new guidance. We will use this forum to introduce the new tutors to students and to give updated information on frequently asked questions.

Summer School

Whilst we are unable to go ahead with the transition days in July, we are really excited about our summer school programme this year and are looking forward to many of our new year 7s joining us. Summer school is a great opportunity to meet new friends, get to know your way around the school building and have some taster lessons before starting with us in September. We will also have a literacy and numeracy focus to help students feel prepared for secondary study and we have many enrichment activities too.

Thanks to government funding, summer school is **completely free**. The summer school will run from Monday 9th August to Friday 13th August from 9:30am until 2:30pm each day. I urge you to take advantage of this opportunity and complete the sign-up form which was sent last week as soon as you can, particularly in light of the news that our planned transition days will not go ahead. I have attached another copy of the letter with its reply slip. We will need all returns by Wednesday 23rd June please.

Uniform

Many of you have asked which colour tie to purchase with your uniform. At HLC, a significant number of events are organised around our House structure. We have four houses: Apollo, Bridge, Concorde and Darby. The Houses are linked to Telford's rich history associated with engineering and each tie has a different colour. Mrs Turner is working hard to gather all the information sent across from primary schools. This information, along with the conversations our transition staff are having with Year 6 teachers and Pastoral Managers, will help us to decide on form groups and



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Houses for September. Once these are finalised you will receive a letter in the post to let you know which form and House your child will be in.

September 2021

Please note the first day of term is on Tuesday 7th September. The term dates are available on our school website.

Thank you for your understanding and once again my sincere apologies for the cancellation of our traditional transition days.

Yours faithfully

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