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serving the island communities of Bryher, St Agnes, St Martin's, St Mary's and Tresco.
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Tuesday 25th June 2024

Transition Week and Parent Tours

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

Year 6 are well into their Summer Term team-building transition to Secondary, following a fantastic London trip (huge thanks to Mr Jewell, Miss Hulands and Mrs Graham for creating and running such an unforgettable experience), Sports Day and Linden Dance workshops last week, and their big public art project with Mel Cormack-Hicks this week. This letter is to give you some more details about our planned formal Transition Week between 1st and 5th July and our tours, teas and sleepovers the following week. Please see key information below.

- During Transition Week, Year 6s will have a taste of Secondary learning across a wide range of subjects. From Monday to Thursday, they will follow a Secondary timetable for the mornings, and then work together with Mr Jewell on their 'Our Lives on Scilly' mixed media project in the afternoons.
- A Secondary morning will include:
 - A 20 minute tutor time from 8.40am. This will be led by Mme Mirabile, who will be Lead Tutor for Year 7 next year. On Monday, Mme Mirabile will collect them from their Year 6 classroom, then after that, they will trial lining up with Secondary students on the MUGA before school, then walking up to the French classroom for tutor time.
 - Three 1 hour lessons, including Maths, Science, English, Drama, Food, Geography, PE, Music and DT. They will have a 15 minute break with Secondary students at 11.05, and will be guided by buddies from the older year groups.
 - One focus will be getting the Year 6s set up for Secondary learning on their iPads: logging them onto the Firefly learning platform and their emails, and teaching them how to use their iPads responsibly so that they will be able to take them home in September. Off-island students should bring their iPad with them.

All aboard! Navigating together

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- Students should wear their usual Primary uniform. They should bring their PE kit on Monday and on Wednesday. They do not need to bring a pencil case.
- The Friday of Transition Week will be a normal Collaboration Friday, including their PSHE lesson as part of the SRE programme shared in Mr Jewell's recent letter.
- Off-island students are boating back and forwards all week, as Mundesley is closed for the Houseparent handover. We have emailed Tresco Boats to request spaces on the morning and afternoon boats for St Martin's, Tresco and Bryher students. Ginny is juggling times and will liaise with parents and base leaders about daily arrangements. On Monday, Wez will meet the boats and walk into school with the Year 6 children, and thereafter they will walk in with the older children as buddies.

- On Thursday 11th July, we have our Mundesley sleepover, parents' tours and tea.
 - Off-island students and parents are invited to come over for midday at Mundesley on Thursday - we will be in touch about boat times etc. nearer the time. This will be a great opportunity to get to know Jo and Phil Arnold, our new Houseparents and to explore the house. Feel free to bring a packed lunch.
 - All parents are then invited to come into school at 2.30pm, for tours of Secondary given by our student guides.
 - From 3.00pm, there will be tea and biscuits in the cafeteria, and a chance to meet the Secondary teaching team. We will give a short presentation about Secondary life, and answer any questions you have about uniform, equipment, ICT etc.
 - After this, Mundesley Year 6s will head back to the house for an evening and overnight stay. They will need a sleeping bag, home clothes for the evening and school clothes for Friday. Feel free to bring swim stuff, as if the weather is kind we will go to the beach.

If you have any questions about this transition programme, please do contact your child's Year 6 teacher or the Deputy Heads, maddyhicks@fiveislands.org or rachellewin@fiveislands.org.

Yours faithfully

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