

24<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you to again extend a warm welcome to **Marine Academy Plymouth**, and reiterate how delighted that your child will be joining us in September.

Following the first welcome letter sent out in March, we are currently in communication with your child's primary school to gather as much information as possible in our aim to support every child and their families with the transition into secondary school. This term myself and our new head of year 7 will also begin to visit all our feeder primaries to meet the Year 6 children, answering any questions and easing any concerns that they may have. We will also discuss what they are likely to expect during their transition days.

Since the first welcome letter, there have been a few slight changes to the transition schedule following discussion with primary schools. This is to accommodate some of the children's residential / leavers' trips, which we agree are an important part of the transition process. Transitions will now run as follows:

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> / Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

Enhanced transition (Our SENCo will be in touch with students recommended for an enhanced transition by their primary school).

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

Transition day A (including New Intake Parents' Evening from 4pm to 6pm)

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

Transition day B (including New Intake Parents' Evening from 4pm to 6pm)

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

Transition day C (including New Intake Parents' Evening from 4pm to 6pm)

You and your child will only be required to one of the transition days. We will be writing to you nearer the time regarding these dates and which transition day will be allocated to each school, but please make a note in your diary. These events will give you an opportunity to meet your child's tutor and key members of Marine Academy Plymouth Senior Leadership Team and Teaching Support Team.

Transition from primary into secondary education is an important milestone in the lives of young people and their families and at Marine Academy Plymouth, we strive to provide our new students and their families with a smooth and extensive transition programme

that recognises the needs of each individual child so when the first day comes, everyone involved is feeling excited and motivated about their new surroundings.

A reminder of our pledge to you for transition, at **Marine Academy Plymouth**:

- We will do everything we can to ensure that every child has the best possible transition between Primary and Secondary schools. We will stay in contact with all Primary schools and ensure communication is effective.
- We will provide every child with exciting opportunities including:
  - An introduction preparing every child to secondary school life.
  - Every child will receive a copy of an independent reading book to read by the time they start at MAP. An audio file is also available to support them with this.
  - A chance to complete a writing task. Writing to their new tutor introducing themselves, what their hobbies are, what they are looking forward to about starting at their secondary school and what they are worried about.
  - An introductory Maths workbook using our exciting and highly successful programme: 'SPARX Maths'. This programme is used to deliver Maths in all Trust Secondary schools.
  - An introductory Scholar's guide and instructions on how to use this to check what your child has learnt about their Secondary school.

The School website also provides a range of information, including copies of all our policies, our principal's blog, details of forthcoming events and many other aspects of school life.

<https://www.marineacademy.org.uk/secondary/home>

In the meantime, if you have any further questions at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 01752 213939 or by email [contact@marineacademy.org.uk](mailto:contact@marineacademy.org.uk)

We are very keen to do everything we can to support you and your child during the transition to Marine academy Plymouth and we look forward to meeting you both in person to start their MAP journey.

We will communicate with you throughout the transitions process and be in touch again shortly.

Yours sincerely



Dan Harmer

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