



## **#TeamSPH Transition Offer 2021**

Dear Parents/ Carers,

### **Welcome to #TeamSPH!**

I am extremely excited to be writing to you to tell you all about our new transition programme, which we will be running for your child this term and beyond.

In previous years (pre COVID), your child would come to St Philip Howard for a week's transition and we would use this time to help them adjust to school life in a different environment and meet lots of new people. This type of transition was highly effective and was one of my highlights of the year.

This year circumstances mean that we will have to do things differently. However, we are confident that our programme will be warmly welcomed and ensure that your child transitions to us smoothly. Firstly, for the first time, we are offering a 'Summer School' for your child. This is scheduled to take place over two weeks, during the six weeks holiday. Your child will be invited to attend one of these weeks on either 26<sup>th</sup>- 30<sup>th</sup> July or 9<sup>th</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup> August. We will be in touch soon with your invite!

This is going to be an action packed and fun filled week with the emphasis on providing your child with an insight into #TeamSPH whilst meeting new friends! Throughout the week, your child will be taking part in activities on and off site and more importantly all food and refreshments will be provided by us.

In order to start planning for the summer school, I will be visiting your child's primary school, over the next few weeks, to speak to them and discuss their form group. Once I have obtained this information, I will write to you, to let you know which week your child has been allocated. The letter will be with you, during the May half- term.

Please rest assured that attending is voluntary as we appreciate that you may already have plans in place for your own well-deserved holidays! If this is the case, please could you notify me as soon as possible, to advise that your child will not be attending the Summer School.

Secondly, I will be offering your child the opportunity to be part of the '2021 #TeamSPH Seesaw Experience'. I successfully launched Seesaw last year to enable me to engage and communicate with my new intake of year 7's and to give them the opportunity to connect and interact with the whole year group as part of the 'Seesaw Community'.

Every week I will be uploading transition videos which will give your child an insight into #TeamSPH This will include a tour of the school, meeting pupils and #TeamSPH Staff and also setting challenges with lots of prizes on offer.



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The '2021 #TeamSPH Seesaw Experience' will be launched on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021**. The details on how to join Seesaw are attached to the back of this letter.

Thirdly, I am launching a new initiative to bringing #TeamSPH to your child's classroom 'virtually'. I will be contacting your child's teacher and letting them know that I will be running a 6-week programme starting in June to bring the #TeamSPH teachers to your child's classroom through a series of subject based remote 'live lessons'. This will give them a flavour of what to expect when they join us in September.

Finally, I appreciate that another important aspect of transition revolves around you, the parents. As such, we will be hosting a **'Virtual Parents Evening' on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July** from 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm. This will give you the opportunity to ask any last-minute questions and for us to provide you with further information about what your child will need before September! Further details about this, will be sent, nearer the time.

Please note that the transition programme is subject to current Government Covid guidelines, if these guidelines change, the programme will be altered accordingly.

On behalf of #Team SPH I look forward to welcoming you to our school community.

Kind regards

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