

Dear parent/ carer

I hope this letter finds you and your families well, considering the current unprecedented circumstances. I firstly wish to communicate that as a school we want to ensure that every pupil has the best support possible to make the transition from Year 6 to Year 7. The transition process is a milestone in a pupil's academic and personal development and it is important that we acknowledge that the current situation has disrupted some, but not all elements of transition.

Thanks to the primary schools and the powers of virtual technology we have been able to start to get to know your children. However, it is important that they too start to learn a little more about us and the school, to remove any possible worries they may have about starting in September. With this in mind we have procured a short transition film covering the following information about the school:

- **The Year 7 pastoral team** - An introduction from the key members of staff that will play an integral role in your child's academic and pastoral progress whilst at secondary school.
- **A virtual tour of the communal areas in Olchfa** - You and your children will be able to visualise being in the school through seeing the several places available to learn, eat, and relax in their free time.
- **An overview of the iLearn curriculum** - Members of the six learning areas will introduce themselves and their subject to explain the learning opportunities available to pupils in lessons.
- **Frequently ask questions** - Current Year 7 pupils will articulate their personal experiences when joining Olchfa and answer some of the questions they had when they first started.

The transition film can be found on our school website or accessed through the following link:
<https://youtu.be/ZAEf5YfD2eA>

Here in Olchfa we always want to take a pupil centred approach to welcoming each new pupil. Therefore for us the most important thing is that pupils feel prepared and excited about the new chapter in their lives. If you still have any unanswered questions, more information can be found on the additional transition website: <https://sites.google.com/olchfa.org.uk/aln-transition/>

Alternatively if you have further questions which you wish to discuss, then please feel free to contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely

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