

14th May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 6 Transition to Year 7

We are excited about welcoming your child to Ely College in September. We know the move to secondary school can often be accompanied by worry and enthusiasm for both parents and children. We recognise that this year your family may need additional reassurance about the process, considering the recent school closures and Covid restrictions. Please be assured we are continually reviewing and adapting our transition programme. On a weekly basis we are creating additional resources and communications to try and ease any concerns. We are in the process of finalising the virtual and in-person transition events we can facilitate. As soon as we have finalised these plans, we shall write to you.

House Allocation – We are yet to allocate the students their House. Please may I take this opportunity to remind you that the allocation of Houses is completed by our data team using all the information we have about a child. Siblings will be allocated to the same House and then after that we have looked to achieve an even distribution of academic ability, additional needs, sporting ability etc. The House a child is in has no impact on their teaching groups.

This year we are introducing a new House. The new House is yet to be named. We would like your child's help with this. Current students and staff have suggested names for the new House:

Cornelius Vermuyden	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cornelius_Vermuyden
Francis Williams	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Francis_Williams_(poet)
Mary Seacole	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_Seacole
Olaudah Equiano	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Olaudah_Equiano
Zaha Hadid	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zaha_Hadid

Please encourage your child to vote for their favourite name by completing the following form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/gmf6mWDjB0>

Part of the form asks for the name of your child. We are doing this to ensure that each child receives one vote and that votes are taken from current and incoming Year 7 students only. The deadline for votes to be cast is 3pm on Monday 24th May.

Vital Details – If you are yet to complete the following form please can you do so as a matter of urgency:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/DesignPage.aspx?fragment=FormId%3DKbjZ4RaYVEydnK3i2OOqbkmDNG95FftBmndtY0yrrJJUMDAxWjk3NIIKRIQ4NUNKNI4TVVHQjBZTC4u%26Token%3De12da840327a4082bac5aeb4e295a780>

The form will provide us with key information about your child: emergency contact details, medical conditions etc. If you have any problems or questions about the form, please email:

datateam@elycollege.co.uk

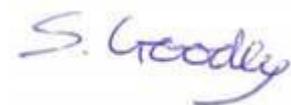
Virtual Tour - The children of our key workers created this virtual tour of our college:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zf1uJoXnXgw> We hope this will help reduce any concerns your child has about joining us.

If you, or your child, have any questions or concerns not addressed in this letter, please explore the transition page on our website: <https://www.elycollege.com/page/?title=Year+6+Transition&pid=206> Here you can view our welcome video. If you have any further questions about the transition process please contact us via email at: transition@elycollege.co.uk

I very much look forward to welcoming your child to Ely College and working with you in partnership to ensure their success.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S. Goodey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Mrs S Goodey
Assistant Principal