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Lasswade High School



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P7 TO S1

TRANSITION

PACK



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Dear Parent/Carer

P7 Transition Pack

I hope you and your families are safe and well and that you received our 'P7 to S1 Transition to Lasswade High School' communication on Wednesday 20th May. You can find this letter on our school website and primary school websites.

To best support P7 students and families with the transition from primary school to Lasswade High School, we have created an electronic transition pack for you. You will find supporting documents within this file linked to the 13 sections of this letter.

1. P7 to S1 Transition Programme & IT Access

As a school, we believe that our P7 Transition Programme must be as flexible, creative and engaging as possible for students and families. We have developed 3 key areas for students to explore and experience:

1. My Lasswade
2. My Learning
3. My Support

Each of these elements will be clearly laid out, with instructions, and include videos, pictures, interactive activities and games.

As P7 Transition this year will be remote, in our previous communication, we advised families to contact Midlothian Digital Learning Team on 0131 271 4900 or completing the following form, if you require to borrow IT:

<https://sites.google.com/mc.glow.scot/distancelearning-parentcarer/chromebookloan>

2. Suggested Timetable

To help students and families structure the P7 Transition Programme at home, we have created a suggested timetable for the following 4 days. A copy of this timetable can be found in the transition pack:

- Tuesday 9th June: Transition Preparation
- Wednesday 10th - Thursday 11th June: Interdisciplinary Learning Project (IDL)
- Friday 12th June: Bringing Lasswade to Life

There is no right or wrong way to engage with the Transition Programme. It is extremely flexible and interlinked. Some may choose to follow the suggested timetable (above) but some may choose to go through the 3 key areas in order:

1. My Lasswade
2. My Learning
3. My Support

3. Interdisciplinary Learning Project

During the 'My Learning' section of the Transition Programme, students will be asked to select a country (Germany, France, China or Spain) and follow a series of short, fun and engaging learning activities and games linked to the country of their choice:

1. Literacy
2. Numeracy
3. Modern Languages
4. Health
5. Science
6. Social Studies
7. Sports
8. Outdoor Learning (optional extra)

The end product of the 'My Learning' section can be a poster, scrapbook, PowerPoint, document or online file. Please find a suggested template for students to follow in the transition pack.

4. GLOW, Google Classroom & E-Learning Guides

The P7 to S1 Transition Programme will be shared with P7 students via Google Classroom which is a secure platform only accessible to Midlothian students.

Ms McGinty (PT BGE Science) has kindly recorded a 'How To' video guide for accessing Google Classroom via GLOW. Please watch the video, by clicking on the video in the website story, and then follow the steps which will enable you to access our dedicated 'P7 Transition' online classroom.

The class joining code is: **43sxoxj**

In addition, Mr Fulton (IT Specialist), has created helpful step-by-step 'How To' guides for students and families which are also in your transition pack. There are 3 guides depending on how you are accessing GLOW and Google Classroom:

1. PC or laptop
2. Android
3. Apple

If you do not have/know your GLOW username and password, please contact your Primary School immediately so they can share this information with you. Students require these details to access the P7 to S1 Transition programme.

5. Free School Meal & Clothing Grant Application

Free School Meals entitle young people to one free daily meal with a value of up to £2.30. Students who are eligible for Free School Meals are also automatically entitled to an annual payment of £100.00 to support with purchasing school uniform.

https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/855/school_meals/117/free_school_meals_and_clothing_grants

We normally operate a Lasswade High School support service to help families complete this application but at present this not possible. Please refer to the Citizens Advice section for further support or email Midlothian directly FSMAwards@midlothian.gov.uk

Application forms should be completed and sent to:

Fairfield House
8 Lothian Road
Dalkeith
EH22 3ZG

6. Citizens Advice Benefits Checker

Within this transition pack, we have also included a 'Benefits Checker' help sheet which was written by our local Citizens Advice advisor. Should you require any support to apply for a new or existing benefit, there are contact numbers and emails at the bottom of this sheet.

7. School Uniform

Our school uniform is based on our DREAM values and details of it can be accessed on our school website:

<http://lasswadehsc.mgfl.net/school-uniform/>

We also have a handy school uniform leaflet for students and families to refer to which is in this electronic transition pack (updated May 2020).

Through consultation with our Parent Council, we have come to the collective decision that at this stage, it is **not required for our new S1 cohort to purchase a school blazer** this August. When our return to school becomes clearer, we will consult with our Parent Council again before reverting back to our full school uniform expectations. Further updates regarding uniform will be communicated clearly with all students and families.

At present, we are also currently changing our uniform supplier and we will share details with you in the coming months.

Upon our return to school, we will be accepting uniform donations from all families. We will recycle your donations and share uniform with students and families who require it. Further information to follow.

8. School Tie and Hand Sanitiser

To welcome P7 students to Lasswade, our Parent Council will be gifting all students their first Lasswade High School house tie as well as a personal bottle of hand sanitiser. We hope that this gesture is well-received by students and families and that our new S1 cohort are

looking forward to collecting their school tie on their first day at Lasswade High School. As a school, we would like to thank our Parent Council for their generosity and ongoing support.

9. School Handbook

Our School Handbook is accessible on our website via the following link and there is a copy in your transition pack: <http://lasswadehsc.mgfl.net/school-handbook>
Please note that the School Handbook was last updated in January 2020 (pre Covid-19), meaning that not all of our information will be in line with new guidelines and expectations.

10. School Lunches

Upon arrival at Lasswade High School, students will be given a 6 digit personal pin which gives individuals access to a payment account. Students can pay for breakfast, snacks and lunch using this account or pay in cash at the till point.

Students who receive Free School Meals have their accounts topped-up automatically with £2.30 per day. This means that our system is absolutely anonymous and that students cannot identify who receives Free School Meals and who does not.

Further information regarding school lunches to follow.

11. School Transport Service

We continue to follow Scottish Government and Public Health advice surrounding plans for our return to school, which includes working with Midlothian Transport Services. At this stage, we are unable to offer any information regarding school transport to students and families but we will update you as soon as possible.

12. Disability Living Allowance

Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for children may help with the extra costs of looking after a child who:

- is under 16
- has difficulties walking or needs much more looking after than a child of the same age who does not have a disability

You will find the DLA application and a summary of the eligibility requirements in your transition pack.

13. Lasswade Extra-Curricular

At Lasswade, we have a wide variety of sports clubs, events and activities on offer to S1 students. Details of our 2020 extra-curricular sports calendar and poster are in your transition pack. There will be more information during the Transition Programme about Active Schools, sports, clubs, Sports Council, wider achievement activities and other groups.

Communication

Our Student Support will be making contact with families during June to introduce themselves. Our Creative Learning team will also be in touch with students who have gone through our Enhanced Transition Programme.

Please direct your P7 to S1 transition questions to our dedicated email address:

transition.lasswade@mgfl.net

From Tuesday 26th May until the end of term, we will sharing useful information for students and families on our school website and social media platforms. Remember to look out for our 'Transition Tuesdays' communications.



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Best wishes



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