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Lasswade High School



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P7 TO S1

TRANSITION

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Dear Parent/Carer

P7 Transition Pack

I hope you and your families are safe and well and that you managed to join us for our 'P7 Transition Family Information Events' over the past few months.

To best support P7 students and families with the transition from Primary School to Lasswade High School, we have created a transition pack which contains useful information, documents and supports for families.

1. P7 to S1 Transition Programme

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

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

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

2. 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

The final product of the 'My Learning' section can be a poster, scrapbook, PowerPoint, document or online file.

3. Transition Week

Due to Public Health guidance, P7 Transition will be virtual this year. This means that P7 students will complete the P7 Transition Programme during the school day at Primary School. Monday 14th to Friday 18th June is a dedicated week for transition activities across

Midlothian. This means that P7 teachers and staff will be able to provide support to students throughout the programme.

During June, I will be visiting each of our local Primary Schools to meet with P7 students to answer questions, present students with their school ties and share useful information.

4. IT Access

Midlothian have guaranteed that all P7 students will have access to Chromebooks during the transition week so that they can easily access all of the planned materials and activities.

5. Google Classroom

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

If your child has not yet joined our 'P7 Transition 2021' Google Classroom, they should do this as soon as possible so they do not miss out. It is very simple and Primary Schools are more than happy to help students and families.

The P7 Transition 2021 class joining code is: **vucuxjs**

6. 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.

Please feel free to get in touch with us, your child's Primary School or Citizens Advice any support. You should send your application to Midlothian directly using the following email address: FSMAwards@midlothian.gov.uk

Link to application form:

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

We have created a helpful video to support families with the application form:

<https://lasswadehsc.mgfl.net/broad-general-education/free-school-meals-clothing-grants/>

7. School Uniform

Our school uniform is based on our DREAM values and details of it can be accessed on our school website: <https://lasswadehsc.mgfl.net/school-uniform>

As a school, we promote and support equity and sustainability. With this in mind, we welcome all school uniform and clothing donations from families. We will recycle your donations and share uniform and clothing with students and families who require it.

8. School Ties & House Classes

To welcome P7 students to Lasswade, our Parent Council will be gifting all students their first Lasswade High School house tie. We hope that this gesture is well received by students and families and that our new S1 cohort are looking forward to receiving their first Lasswade High School tie. 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:

<https://lasswadehsc.mgfl.net/school-handbook/>

Please note that the School Handbook was last updated in May 2021.

10. School Lunches

Upon arrival at Lasswade High School, students will be given a six digit personal PIN code, 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 anonymous and that students cannot identify who receives Free School Meals and who does not.

11. School Transport Service

The Midlothian Transport Team will contact students who require school transport during the summer holidays. They will issue bus passes and inform students of their specific bus to and from school, bus pick-up time and bus stop. If you have not heard from the Midlothian Transport Team by Monday 16th August, please get in touch with us.

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 by using the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/disability-living-allowance-for-children-claim-form>

If you require any help or support with this application, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

13. Lasswade Extra-Curricular Activities

At Lasswade, we have a wide variety of sports clubs, events and activities on offer to S1 students. There will be more information during the Transition Programme about Active Schools, sports, clubs, Sports Council, wider achievement activities and other groups.

14. Support

If you are experiencing any kind of difficulties that we can help you with, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Equally, if you would like us to print out and send you copies of certain documents in the post, please let us know.

Payments/finances should never be a barrier to young people having a positive and meaningful experience at Lasswade High School. We urge you to get in touch should you ever require financial support. Equally, we can put you in touch with the local Citizens Advice Bureaux for additional support.

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

Every Tuesday, between mid-May and mid-June, we have shared useful P7 Transition information on our social media platforms called 'Transition Tuesdays'. If you have not yet seen our 'Transition Tuesdays', have a look at our Twitter and Instagram pages for more information.



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Best wishes

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