



## **Transition to Forrester High School**

### **Parental Engagement Events/Young People Focused Events:**

We provide the following opportunities to visit Forrester High School, which enable parents to capture the atmosphere of the school so that they may make an informed decision about the next stage of their child's educational journey.

### **Primary Parents' Open Afternoon: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017 (1.15pm – 3.30pm)**

Our Primary Parents' Open Afternoon gives parents and young people the chance to see, at first hand, the delivery of the curriculum and the standards expected in classwork and behaviour. The afternoon begins with a very brief introduction from members of the Senior Leadership Team but is predominately focused on a guided tour of the school.

In each of the curricular areas staff and Forrester pupils are on hand to give an overview of their particular area with opportunities for interactive activities. Parents will see the departments in action with many of our young people demonstrating or showcasing their work. Senior management are available throughout for further opportunities to ask questions.

### **Follow-Up Walking Tours: 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017 and 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (4-5pm)**

These tours offer opportunities for parents to have a potted version of the September Open Afternoon. Whilst staff, departments and young people are not as available, it does give parents an opportunity to see the school and ask key questions. These tours are led by Mrs Scott, DHT with responsibility for P7/S1 transition and supported by the Senior Leadership Team.

### **Information Sharing and Frequently Asked Questions P7 Class Visits**

Mrs Scott visits all feeder primary schools end of March/April and meets all prospective S1 pupils for an informative information sharing and FAQ session. This helps alleviate some concerns and minimise others and begins the process of Forrester staff getting to know our new cohort.

### **Pupils Support Leader programme: May 2018**

In May our Pupil Support Leaders (PSL's) visit each of the feeder primary school and meet with the P7 teachers to gather vital. Information to support the transition process. This information is then shared with key Forrester staff and is fundamental to the process of allocating young people to their new S1 classes.

### **Numeracy Focus: May 2018**

- We have produced a video 'Welcome to FHS Maths' which sets the scene
- All P7 classes are taking part in Numeracy Ninjas each day, 4 days per week for 10 weeks <http://www.numeracyninjas.org/> - commencing after Feb holiday.
- At the end of the 10 weeks (early May) we will recognise achievement across the cluster and we hope to be able to schedule a 'live' conference call into classes

### **Literacy Focus: May 2018**

- We have produced a video 'Welcome to FHS English' which sets the scene, will be with P7 teachers very soon
- All P7 classes are taking part in Visual Inspiration and Creative Writing. This will take place between February and the Easter break at times determined by the p7 teachers.
- At the end of the block of work (early May) we will recognise achievement across the cluster and we hope to be able to schedule a 'live' conference call into classes

### **Enhanced Transition Group for Vulnerable Pupils: May 2018**

The Enhanced Transition for Vulnerable Pupils provides young people with additional opportunities to come to Forrester, get a sense of the building and meet key support staff. This programme is co-ordinated by Mrs I. McGinnis, Curricular Leader Support for Learning, assisted and supported by her extended team. Forrester High School staff attend planning meetings in our cluster primaries throughout P5-7 particularly for our more vulnerable young people. This ensures that all necessary planning and preparation is considered ahead of the final transition to secondary school. Referrals for this group are collected by our learning support teachers during the SFL meetings with Primary staff.

### **Transition Induction Visits: 19th – 21st June 2018**

The invitation letter for our Transition Visits from 19th to 21st June 2018 are issued to Primary Schools post the Easter break. These letters include many aspects of organisation and detail to enable parents to support these visits fully.

### **P7 Parents' Information Evening: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 6.30pm**

Parents are invited to an Information Evening which helps to prepare them for their child's change of school and provides an opportunity to meet their child's Pupil Support teacher (Guidance Teacher). The evening will begin with a presentation at 6.30pm and will finish no later than 7:30pm.

### **Welcome to First Year Pupil Booklet**

This booklet is updated annually. All new S1 pupils are issued with a copy on their transition days. An electronic copy will be shared here ahead of this year's transition days.