

19 May 2022

Dear parent/carers and new Year 7 student

**Re: Transition to The Dukeries Academy (Letter 2)**

We are delighted to welcome you to our Dukeries Academy community and as a reminder; I would like to draw your attention to our ambitious transition curriculum offer. We will be running a weeklong, face-to-face, Transition Week for Year 6. This will take place from **Monday 4 July 2022 until Friday 8 July 2022**, and we hope all our new Year 7 students will attend.

As a part of this process, we will be running the “Be Awesome - Go Big” programme. The programme aims to help students through transition, to become as awesome as they can and get the most out of the experience. This will involve some work with their current teachers in their Primary schools, work to undertake at home and lessons with their coach at The Dukeries Academy during Transition Week. This programme also runs alongside the book ‘You Are Awesome’ by Matthew Syed and we plan to provide each student with a copy.

**Competition time**

To launch our ‘Be Awesome - Go Big’ programme I would like each student to write a short poem and submit it to [DUK-Office@attrust.org.uk](mailto:DUK-Office@attrust.org.uk) marked FAO Mr Mellors. I will display the best poems and I will be awarding prizes. The poem is an “I am” poem, as you will be meeting a lot of new people and friends when you join us; your poem is an introduction to them. It should be a minimum of 5 lines and a maximum of 10. e.g.

I am excited to see my friends  
I am nervous about the different lessons  
I am worried about getting lost  
I am looking forward to a new subject  
I am going to play football

Please submit poems by Friday 17 June 2022.

Finally, in order for students to be able to attend our exciting Transition Week, we will need all parents and carers to complete a Microsoft form so that we have all of the information required to ensure you are well looked after whilst you are here (click on the link or use the QR code to access). Please fill in as soon as you can. We have also attached the special diet request form from our kitchen so that we can cater for any food allergies or intolerances that you have.



Here's the link to the form Student Information Form - Transition Year 2022:  
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=gpfONdq2-U6hYC4ernpSY2ZyNb5KTyRHvxuyw0-O6JNUQUlalnks3RE05OTVSM002S0tOUFFUTjJENi4u>

Yours sincerely



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