

Formby High School

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Dear Parents

I last wrote to you on 14 May 2020 and since that time, we have all had to adjust to a new educational and personal landscape. Working from home, remote schooling and the reality of not being able to visit loved ones have become part of parcel of our daily routines. I hope that this update letter finds you all well and safe, and that you have found increasingly creative ways to keep your children occupied and to communicate with your families and friends.

From Monday 22 June, Formby High School will open its doors to students from Years 10 and 12. This welcome return will enable teachers to catch up with the students they teach between now and the end of the school year. I know our students are excited to return and I sure your child is looking forward to having the opportunity to return to primary school before the summer break.

For our prospective Year 7 students, we are unable to offer the usual excitement which comes with the prospect of induction days, taster lessons, Creative Arts events and social gatherings for new families. However, our Transition Team has been working hard behind the scenes to put together a 'virtual' programme which will go some way to introducing everyone to life at FHS.

We have been communicating with the Headteacher and Year 6 staff at your child's primary school and are proposing the following activities over the coming four weeks:

- **A Transition Workbook** packed full of interesting, stimulating and challenging 'assignments' from each subject area. This will help students get a 'feel' of what their Year 7 curriculum will involve from September. We are working with primary colleagues to organise the distribution of printed copies of the workbook to all our new starters over the next week. A copy of the workbook is also available on [our website here](#).
- **A Virtual Induction meeting**, held online with key staff and a few of our current Year 7 'ambassadors'. We hope to be 'beamed' into the Year 6 classrooms (and homes if students are not in school) to share some important information about life high school.
- **A Virtual 'behind the scenes' tour video** to help our new Year 7s navigate their way around and meet a few staff along the way.
- **A Virtual Parents Information session** which will allow me, Mr Cook (Senior Assistant Headteacher) and Mrs Edey (Climate for Learning Leader) to share important information for parents about the school, pastoral care and the curriculum. This will be supplemented by our **New Parent Handbook** which will be provided to you by email in PDF copy and made available to download from the school website.

We have already updated our [transition webpage](#) which provides a one stop shop for information around our 'New Starters' and you will continue to receive email updates with more details on the above activities as necessary.





I encourage you to keep in regular touch with us via Formby High School's various communication channels over the coming weeks and months as we will use these to provide frequent updates and announce creative approaches to continuing provision and community engagement throughout the current closure period:

- [FHS on Twitter](#) – our Twitter account (@FormbyHigh) is a vibrant source of news and updates from across the life and work of the school. Many of our subject areas also have Twitter accounts which you can link to via the school's main account.
- [FHS on YouTube](#) – we have recently added several fantastic, creative videos to our channel, which are well worth a quiet moment to watch!
- [Email](#) – don't forget, if you have any questions or concerns you would like to raise with us, please don't hesitate to email transition@formbyhighschool.com.

I trust this information is helpful and I look forward to greeting you and your children as members of the Formby High School community in the near future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D A Mackenzie'.

D A Mackenzie
Headteacher