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Year 6 Induction Day - CANCELLED

Dear Parents and Carers

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your son or daughter into Year 7 in September.

In what already has been a very challenging year or so, our transition process was complicated further last week with the Prime Minister's announcement of a delay to a full reopening of society. This was then followed by guidance from the Department for Education advising secondary schools not to conduct a traditional 'transition day' due to the fear of mixing bubbles.

Unfortunately, I have had to take the decision to cancel this year's Year 6 transition day which was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 13th July.

I feel it would be incredibly irresponsible to gather together 270 students from a large number of different primary schools, when cases of COVID unfortunately seem to be on the rise. I'm afraid the risk does not outweigh any benefits the day might provide in helping students get to know the school a little before they arrive in September.

Please note the following however:

- Our Year 7 team has been working closely with the primary schools to ensure we are supporting students as much as possible between now and September.
- We will be offering a Crowdcast event for parents and students to attend remotely on Tuesday 13th July. This worked very well last year, and it will provide parents and students with the opportunity to hear about life at Melksham Oak, and ask any questions they might have. More details will follow about this event.
- Our new Year 7 will have a day in school **on 3rd September** to get to know the school without the majority of other students (Year 12 will also have their 6th form induction day in the new block)
- Students will be told which tutor group they are in on 3rd September. This is something we did this year, and it worked absolutely fine.

Thank you for your support and understanding

Yours sincerely,

Alan Henderson

Principal