



To Our Primary School Community

I am writing to make you aware of the open events we will be running at St Helena School for year 6 students this year.

As you are aware, the current restrictions in place will make the usual tours and visits impossible to run this year. As a parent looking for a new school, I know this will make a difficult decision even harder and I apologise for that.

We are committed to give you the best experience we can. We will be using a variety of activities to ensure we provide you and your family with all the information required to make an informed decision. These activities include:

- A live Zoom assembly with all year 6 students. Myself and Mr Bidgood, Director for Teaching and Learning will have a virtual event where students can ask us questions about transition and life at St Helena. We will be joined by some of our year 7 students who can talk about their first few weeks at St Helena School.
- We will be creating a virtual tour of the school, where you will get an opportunity to see Faculty Leaders, St Helena students and some of the facilities we have to offer at St Helena School.
- A dedicated email address Year6Transition@sthsch.com where you can ask any questions you have about St Helena School or the transition process. This email will be live between 12th October, midday and 23rd October, midday.
- We are also offering some online meetings or telephone calls with our SENCO, Mrs Coe, for any parents who want to ask any specific SEND questions.

To support with the admissions process, please see below for two useful links that will help guide you through it:

[Secondary Education in Essex 2020/21](#)

[Check your priority admissions area](#)

National offer day falls on 1st March 2021, this is when you will be notified of your allocated secondary school. Once we know which students will be joining us in September 2021 we will start our transition activities to ensure all our young people have a seamless move to St Helena School.

I wish you and your family all the best as you make the transition to secondary school.

Keep safe,

Fiona Pierson
Headteacher