



Dear Parent/Carer

20 March 2024

P7 Transition 2024

As we approach the summer term, we are looking forward to our P7 learners joining us at Portobello High School in August. Whilst this is often a very exciting time for our young people, we are mindful that it can also be little unsettling and so we hope that the information detailed below will offer some reassurance.

Work has been ongoing between Portobello High School and our associate primary schools for some time now and we want you to know that, collectively, we're doing everything we can to ensure as smooth a transition as possible for your child.

We are delighted that we will be running a 3-day in-person P7 transition visit. This will take place from Tuesday 18 - Thursday 20 June. During this visit your child will get to experience some lessons within our school, meet their class and generally get a feel for life at Portobello High School.

To support the P7 transition process this year, I am attaching a link to a short Microsoft Form for your child to complete which contains **two sections** detailed below. Please ensure this completed by Monday 19th April.

[Peer group and Sibling check](#)

Section 1 – Peer Group

This section will give your child the opportunity to identify 6 pupils that they feel they would work well with at Portobello High School. We will then use this information, alongside the information from the primary school, to make sure your child is placed into a class with at least one of their nominated friends. Please note the pupils your child identifies do not have to be in the same primary class or even the same primary school.

Section 2 – Sibling Check

Please let us know if your child has a brother or sister currently attending Portobello High School and which house they belong to i.e. Abercorn, Brunstane, Crichton or Duddingston. Whilst we try to keep families within the same house, we tend to prioritise friendship groups and so this is not always possible.

Finally, we plan to hold a Parent Information Evening on Monday 10 June from 6:30pm – 7:45pm. This will be an opportunity for parents and carers to meet some of the Senior Leadership Team and Support Team and to find out a little bit more about S1 at Portobello High School. Due to the capacity limitations of our main hall and the size of the S1 year group, this evening will be restricted to parents and carers only. If you would like to ask a question in advance of the meeting please use the link below. We will then collate these questions into common themes which we will address on the night. The deadline for questions is the end of the school day on Friday 24 May.

[P7 Transition Information Evening - Q&A](#)

Can I thank you and your child in advance for taking the time to complete these forms. We look forward to meeting you all in the not too distant future.

Best wishes

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