



Dear Year 6 Student,

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## Transition to Okehampton College – September 2020

Congratulations on gaining your place with us at Okehampton College. We are very much looking forward to you joining us in September.

Moving to a Secondary school can be a daunting experience when life is normal, so we know that many of you will be feeling anxious at the moment about how transition will look this year. We would like to assure you that we are doing everything we can to reduce that anxiety. We will continue to communicate with your primary teachers and your SENDCO to ensure we have all the information about you and your learning needs and what you may need help and support with.

We will talk to them about what they thought you were going to achieve in your SATs, although we have mixed ability classes in Year 7 so this will not greatly affect you. At Okehampton College we believe it is important to challenge and support every student to excel to the best of their ability.

Please do not worry about the work you are missing in school. During this time, it is important that you stay proactive in your learning and I am sure your school has been setting you some work or challenges to keep you in the good habits you have established in Year 6.

The most useful and important things you can do whilst you are at home include:

1. **Reading** – read every day! If you find a word you don't understand look it up.
2. **Spellings** – practise those words you find tricky.
3. **Maths** – practise your times tables – this is one of the most useful skills you can have.
4. **Stay healthy** – try not to overdo screen time, exercise every day, eat healthily, drink lots of water and stay in your normal sleep pattern.
5. **Be creative** – do things you enjoy eg. crafts, lego, baking and try a new skill eg. knitting!
6. **Do something kind for your community** – send a letter to a care home, put a rainbow up in your window – make the world a brighter place.
7. **Be helpful** – help around the house, make your bed and keep your room tidy. If you have little brothers and sisters, play with them, teach them things, snuggle up and watch a film.
8. **Stay Mentally Health** – do a mixture of all of the above - mindfulness and meditation can help if you need some time alone - remember to talk to someone if you feel a little down.

Many of you often worry about whether you are going to be with a friend in your new tutor group. Our policy is to ensure you are with someone you know from your school as well as other people from other schools. We know you will make so many new friends, as well as keeping your old and existing ones. Try not to focus on this as it is such a small part of your future life with us. However, we do recognise that we are in uncertain times and do not want any of you to feel more apprehensive about the move to our college. Once you are with us, you will have so many opportunities to develop your learning, develop new skills, join a club, travel, the list is endless.

We will not be able to visit your schools as planned but we will let everybody know, as soon as we can, more information about transition days, information evenings and other events. We may need to do things a little differently this year but we will try and make the transition as smooth and worry free as possible.



We are really excited about seeing you in September.

If you have any worries please email [bhachipuka@okehamptoncollege.devon.sch.uk](mailto:bhachipuka@okehamptoncollege.devon.sch.uk) and I will endeavour to answer your questions.

In the meantime, take care and stay safe.

Kind regards



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