

Dear parent/ carer,

You will have received Mr Skurr's letter a couple of weeks ago and so I wanted to follow up to let you know what we are doing about transition given the current global situation and national guidelines.

We are so sorry that we are not able to hold any transition days in school before the summer; usually we would welcome our New Year 7 cohort face to face and make sure they are introduced to key staff, find their way around the academy building and have some brilliant taster lessons.

We will be welcoming students in a different way over the next month and we need your help and support to make sure your child has the best transition experience possible (given the current restrictions). Our website ([www.uak.org.uk](http://www.uak.org.uk)) has a dedicated transition page which will be regularly updated with videos introducing you to the UAK community, copies of all letters and information, contact information and a FAQs page.

We know that coming to secondary school is exciting and can be daunting for some people too; we encourage you to talk to your son/ daughter about how they are feeling, what might be worrying them and what they are looking forward to. Please do get in touch with us to share your queries or concerns. There are different ways to do this – you can call the academy on: 01535 210333 and ask to speak to Mrs Majid (Head of Year 7), Mrs Leggett (Lead Head of Year) or Mrs Petrik-Davies (Assistant Principal & DSL). You are also welcome to email any of us:

Mrs Majid: [nma@uak.email](mailto:nma@uak.email)

Mrs Leggett: [alt@uak.email](mailto:alt@uak.email)

Mrs Petrik-Davies: [hpd@uak.email](mailto:hpd@uak.email)

We have spoken to all primary schools about individual students and their strengths and needs. We will also be speaking to all parents/ carers before the end of June to discuss your child and to find out how we can best support your family through this exciting next step of your child's education. From Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June we will also be working with primary schools to hold virtual tours and welcome meetings via Zoom. We understand some students are isolating or staying at home and if this is the case and you would like an individual meeting or tour – via Zoom or by phone – please contact Mrs Majid.

We will also be launching our Transition Challenge Booklet in July which is for students to work through over the summer period. Please keep an eye on the website for this.

If you have any further questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs H. Petrik-Davies

Assistant Principal & DSL