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Dear parent and student

I hope you are all safe and well. In these unprecedented times we have had to make some significant changes to how your child will transition to us in September to ensure they feel supported and included in our school community.

We have collated a 'Welcome pack' for parents and students to read through to ensure you have all of the important information you require in regards your child's transition, from uniform, to equipment, school day timings and expectations. We hope this will help answer some of our most frequently asked questions.

We have also included a 'Transition booklet' for our new pupils to complete over the summer break so that they can bring it to their first day with us and allow us to get to know them a little better. Your child's form tutor will be using this as form time activities so it is important that students take on the challenge.

The English department have also included our Year 7 reader for pupils to read over the summer break. In the words of Dr Seuss, *"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go."* As a school we cannot stress enough the importance of reading and opening our student's eyes to new experiences and cultures.

We would ask that students attempt to read 'The Silver Sword' over the summer break and bring it with them on their start to lessons. All children will be expected to have a reading book with them daily for the start of every lesson as a means of focus.

Your child's first day at The John Warner School will be Friday 3rd September at 8:30am where they will meet their form tutor, take part in a transition programme of activities and start to orientate themselves around the school site. Year 12 will also be joining them on site for their transition day but it will give Year 7 a chance to explore before the whole school returns on Monday 6th September 2021.

Students should enter the school site via the John Warner Sports Centre car park gates where they will be greeted by our pastoral team and form tutor's eager to get to know each of their tutees. We would encourage you to provide a packed lunch for the first day due to us needing to process students thumb print scans which will be linked to your wise pay accounts. Students should also bring a bottle of water to stay hydrated during lessons.

Over the coming weeks we will be communicating with you in regards your child's form group, language allocation and form tutor through a series of presentations online and videos introducing key members of staff.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact the school. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to our school community and seeing your child flourish and aspire to in their future goals and ambitions.

Kind regards

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