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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families are well. The summer term is ordinarily a busy time in school, waving goodbye to so many of our pupils as well as welcoming a new Year 7 year group. The current lockdown has meant that we are working, like so many of you, in a completely different landscape and trying to establish a “new normal.” I would like to assure you that we are working behind the scenes on the transition process and liaising with primary colleagues. We are acutely aware that many Year 6 students as well as their families, will be naturally feeling anxious.

Transitioning to secondary school is a change that Year 6 children will have been thinking about and preparing for all year. Arriving at their new school can result in feelings of excitement, apprehension and nervousness. These feelings can be difficult for parents and teachers to effectively manage. However, we are here to help you in your role to safely guide them through this daunting time and ensure it goes as smoothly as possible.

Please remember to visit our media outlets such as Twitter, Facebook as well as our website for news. On the website particularly there can be found transition information that is updated regularly. There is also a direct email address for the Transition Team should you require guidance or support. [transition@cardinalwiseman.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:transition@cardinalwiseman.coventry.sch.uk)

I can confirm that Mr Forinton will be Head of Year 7 in September and Mr Alcott, Key Stage 3 Leader. Both are actively involved with the transition process. As a parent and pupil it is always good to know who key staff are as this helps to lessen anxiety.

It is difficult to predict when schools will reopen and in what capacity, but we are provisionally looking at a series of transition days for students to visit the school when it is safe to do so.



**A welcome from Mr Forinton - Head of Year 7**

*It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as the Head of Year 7 at Cardinal Wiseman from September 2020.*

*I am looking forward to getting to know all of you and supporting you through the initial transition from your current school to Cardinal Wiseman, and all the way through to the completion of your GCSE exams in the summer of 2025.*

*This is an exciting time but one that can also be a little daunting for some as you leave the familiar surroundings of your primary school. I can assure you that we have a great pastoral team at Cardinal Wiseman who will ensure that the transition and first experiences of secondary school is an enjoyable one.*

*I have been teaching for 14 years and have held several roles within Cardinal Wiseman, most recently the Head of Physical Education and then Head of Year 11 last year. My interests away from work are keeping fit, reading, spending time with my two young children and getting to watch as many Coventry City games as possible.*

*I look forward to meeting you all in the near future and if you have any questions or queries then please do not hesitate to contact either myself or another member of the pastoral team.*

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*Kind regards*

*Mr Forinton*

We are very much looking forward to meeting you all.

Yours faithfully

The Transition Team