

TRANSITION NEWSLETTER NO. 2

Hello again Year 6,

We hope you are all well and safe and enjoying the transition materials we have been preparing for you. Episode One of our transition videos has had over two thousand views. We were both very surprised at this but hope you enjoyed it. Don't forget, if you ever have any questions, you can send them to us by email to CRHSenquiries@sch.im or your parents/carers can contact us through our transition Facebook page, which is 'CRHS Transition 2020'.

Our weekly question competition is still open. Don't forget, we will publish the best question sent to us in the next newsletter and the winner will receive some Castle Rushen goodies. The best one this week was sent to us by Megan from Scoill Phurt Le Moirrey. Well done, Megan. Your prize is on its way.

The question was really simple: **How many rooms are there?**

Wow! That one really foxed us, so the best way to answer is by subject. Are you ready?

Subject Area	No. of Rooms	Subject Area	No. of Rooms
English	7	Music	2
Maths	6	Drama	2
Languages	2	Design Technology	7
Science	8	Art	2
Geography	3	RE	1
History	3	PE	2
ICT	2	Business Studies	2
Skills	4	Quest	2

I may have missed some out! We also have lots of other rooms that aren't really classrooms. Episode 2 of our transition videos was filmed in our Sixth Form Art area, but it's not quite a classroom. We also have a Sixth Form Centre for our older students studying for their A Levels, our library, sports hall, a gym, fitness suite and lots of our departments have workrooms for the teachers in that area. The main thing to remember is that it doesn't take a long time to find your way around, so you shouldn't worry.

Don't forget to get your question to us for this week's competition!

QUESTIONS ???? ?

INFORMATION PACK

In Episode 2, we mentioned a pack of information that should be with you any day now. This includes:

- A form for your parents/carers to fill in
- A form for you to fill in for friendship groups (see below)
- A form for your parents/carers to fill in for friendship groups
- A school uniform list
- School uniform order forms
- A sample student planner



There's also a prepaid envelope, so please can you send your forms back to us as soon as possible? Uniform order forms need to be sent to Promenade Shirts. Thank you!



FRIENDSHIP FORMS

So, Episode 2 talks about your OIOS poster. Well done to those of you who have sent that to us already. We also talk about how to fill in your friendship forms so we can put you with at least one of your friends. Watch the video when it's live, but here's a quick reminder:

- You can nominate up to 3 friends to be in the same tutor group as you and we say that we will put at least one person from your list in same group.
- We also speak to your Year 6 teachers and to your parents and carers, so remember that they may have different ideas to you about which other Year 6 children you mix with well.
- You can nominate people from other schools too, as you may have friends from clubs or societies that you attend.
- Don't forget, we are just talking about your tutor group here, as you will be mixed with other Year 7s for your lessons.

Good luck! Don't forget to send them back to us in the pre-paid envelope.

EXPERT ADVICE

Another competition we have been running has been to ask current Year 7 students what advice they would give to the next group coming to Castle Rushen. They had to suggest three pieces of advice that they would give you. This week's winner was Alex, who came from Rushen. Here's his advice:

- 1) Do not be not be scared about missing your bus.**
- 2) Don't worry about getting lost.**
- 3) Enjoy yourself and have fun!**

We never even thought about the school buses! Every day we have a teacher on duty in our bus lane, so don't worry if you miss your bus. There's always someone to help you.
Thanks for the advice, Alex!



ALL ABOUT ME!

Year 7 Student Profile



Name:	Zac
Primary School:	Rushen
How did you feel before you started Castle Rushen?	I was frightened at first but eventually I got used to it. I learnt the names of the teachers and all my new friends quite fast.
How easy was it to find your way around?	It's not as hard as it looks. Follow other people in your class and you should be okay.
What was it like at Castle Rushen once you got used to it?	It's fun because the lessons are harder than at primary school so it's more challenging.
Did you make new friends?	Yes. My best friend in my class now is someone who did not go to my primary school.
Which are your favourite subjects?	PE, because I am sporty I guess. I also like English as I like making things up!
What are the teachers like?	Very kind and they usually help you.
What advice would you give to a Year 6 who is coming to Castle Rushen in September?	Go to as many clubs as you can.
Finally, what is your favourite thing about being at Castle Rushen?	There are a lot more clubs than were available at my primary school so I go to most of the sports clubs and film club. Definitely try the sports clubs.

Coming up in our next newsletter will be a new feature about our Year 7 form tutors so you can get to know them before you come to us.

So, that's all for this newsletter. Don't forget to contact us if you have any questions by emailing CRHSenquiries@sch.im or through Facebook.

Until next time, stay safe!

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