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Dear Parent / Carer

## Year 6 Transition to Midhurst Rother College 2021

I write to update you with regard to transition arrangements to Midhurst Rother College for your child. Our staff have visited your son / daughter's school to talk to the students and also to gain information on each child to make their transition as seamless as possible. The Year 6 students we met told us they were excited about the move to secondary school, but also that they naturally have some anxieties about it. I hope we were able to allay some of these concerns through our discussions with them.

It is with regret that I have decided that our transition day and evening will take place online this year, due to Covid restrictions. The Local Authority has recommended this approach. Our initial plan was to have students with us for the day as it was highly likely that the country would move out of the current social distancing limitations from 19 July. This notwithstanding, it would be very difficult for us and our local primary schools to conduct 'Track and Trace' on Year 6 students should there be a confirmed case amongst Year 6 on the day. We are fortunate that our students come from over 40 primary schools, but this does make keeping them in bubbles very difficult to manage safely, which must be our priority.

## Virtual Transition Day Arrangements

Our virtual transition day will take place on **Thursday 15 July** and we will conduct online activities for all students to complete on the day. Year 6 will start with us as Year 7 on Friday 3 September. There will be no other students in College (apart from Year 12 signing up for Key Stage 5), which means we will be able to conduct an induction day for them before other students return.

## Transition Evening - Information Presentation

I know that parents / carers will have many questions that you would like us to address with regard to transition. The presentation we will hold on **Wednesday 21 July 7:00pm-7:45pm** will cover any questions that you may have. Please can I ask that you email any queries to: [sarah.banbury@mrc-academy.org](mailto:sarah.banbury@mrc-academy.org) before 20 July. I will then answer these on the evening. You will also be able to pose questions live in the chat function, which I will answer. There will be a link to the live event, as well as joining instructions, on our website.



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We have all become more accustomed to events being held online as a result of the pandemic. Nothing, however, compares to face to face meeting in my opinion. I would like to invite all parents / carers to a presentation and information evening on Wednesday 29 September in the College theatre. We will also hold a 'six weeks in' parents' meeting with your child's tutor to discuss how he / she has settled at the school and to plan ways we can support further, if needed.

I apologise for this change in plans, but I fully intend to make transition effective in spite of the challenges we face.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Edwards', with a small flourish at the end.

Stuart Edwards  
Principal