



# Dalkeith High School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

*Dalkeith High School: Enabling all young people to succeed in an inclusive, respectful and stimulating learning environment.*

Welcome to the Dalkeith High School Community.

The transition for primary to secondary school is one about which there is often a great deal of excitement. We know that uncertainties of the last two years have had a big impact on all of us, and we want to make sure that our young people and their families feel as confident about their move to Dalkeith High School as possible.

For your information, please find below a timeline of our transition programme. Some of these events have already successfully taken place, and there are several more to come as we move towards the spring and summer. Dates for key events such as the pastoral evening will continue to be shared by your child's current school.

As you will appreciate, all of our planned events must take place in accordance with the public health advice and relevant Scottish Government guidelines. Whilst we would hope to be able to have some in person contact, we are now very experienced in delivering an online offer, and will continue to do this as required.

If you would like to find out more about the school and our current work, we would also recommend visiting the school website <https://dalkeith.mgfl.net/> and following us on Twitter @official\_DHS

We look forward to getting to know you and your child in the coming months.

Kind regards,

Allyson Dobson  
Headteacher

## Transition Timeline 2021/2022

Date	Activity
4 November	Online Q&A session for parents and young people.
4 November	Virtual Open Evening launched on website (materials still available: <a href="http://dalkeith.mgfl.net/moving-from-p7-to-s1-at-dalkeith-high-school/">http://dalkeith.mgfl.net/moving-from-p7-to-s1-at-dalkeith-high-school/</a> )
15 December	P7 online quiz for all primaries.
January	Initial information sharing document sent to primaries, to be completed for all pupils.
March	Mrs Kelly (Support for Learning and Transition lead) visits primary schools to discuss P7 pupils with P7 teachers and support staff.
March/April	Three sessions for identified ASD transition group.
March/April	Invitation to all P7 pupils to participate in 'DHS Hall of Fame' activity, led by the Humanities faculty.
April/May	Invitation to all P7 pupils to participate in the 'DHS Global Citizens' activity, led by the Modern Languages faculty.
May	Transition forum (primary and secondary staff) to consider young people who may need extra support when they move to secondary.
May	Pupil Support Leaders contact with P7 pupils (online or in person), with a focus on positive peer relationships. PSLs are the first point of contact for young parents in secondary school and have responsibility for the pastoral needs of their pupils.
May/June	Enhanced transition events for identified pupils.
May/June	Pastoral event for parents/carers and P7 pupils (online or in person) involving PSLs and the Senior Leadership Team. FAQ booklet issued.
June	In line with public health advice, 2 day visit/weeklong transition activity week with mix of live and online lessons across departments.
Additional/ongoing	Mrs Kelly is attending meetings for young people with a Child's Plan (CYPP) or Individual Education Plan (IEP) where appropriate.  Individual transitions are also organised for shared placement pupils who will access the Enhanced Complex Needs provision.