

S1 Welcome Evening – Feedback from Parents Thursday 22nd September

What is going well after first 5 weeks?

Settled really well	Staff v helpful if pupils missed lessons	Homework diary
Transition really smooth	Impressive transition – mixing of schools, phased	Mixing classes from feeder schools – friends
	start, communication	
Useful amount of transition events	Texts helpful with signposting to more info	Good amount of homework – not too much
Lots of enthusiasm for S1 confidence for pupils &	Useful key dates info	Transition days good – less scary
parents		
Great range of clubs and activities	Like photo project!	Cafeteria food
Older pupils very helpful	New friendships	Transition – not a big deal to be here – well prepared
Website lots of information	Good choice of clubs	S6 involvement in clubs
Helpful older pupils	Pupils feel safe	Transition very positive – 3 days variety
Variety of subjects- teachers	Independence	Clubs – extra curric good
Open day	Support over last few weeks	Pictures of homework tasks
3 days transition – makes a big difference	Lead up for parents good too	Games room great (3.03)
Teachers approachable	S6 helping S1s is good	Good reaction to social media problem

Even better if...?

Uniform available in one place	Clubs clash	too much stuff home – not enough lockers
More communication with non-cluster schools	More focus on time for sports	S1 & S6 buddies – what happens next?
Second hand uniform available	More option for languages - choice	Music lessons – selective?
Buddy system with older pupils in place	Who is point of contact? This is unclear	Alarmist test – urgent when not?
More electronic communication – texts	No bulletin – even after signing up	Inconsistent uniform standards – older pupils
Load young scot card at school	No calendar online	Primary school friends in class – might not have them
Freshers' fair longer	Website hard to navigate	If no smart phone – can't take pics of h/wk
Some pupils excluded from instrumental auditions	Not all teachers sharing the bulletin in same detail	No newsletters coming home
Heavy bags on PE days – lockers far away	Toilets nicer	Clearer guidelines for dispute resolution
Homework diaries with learning intentions	Some sports clubs start close to end of school day	Out of catchment language choice – ask
Timetable reprinting	Online payment for food	More help with office 365