



# Year 6 Transition



## Newsletter 5

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Dear Year 6 students, parents and carers

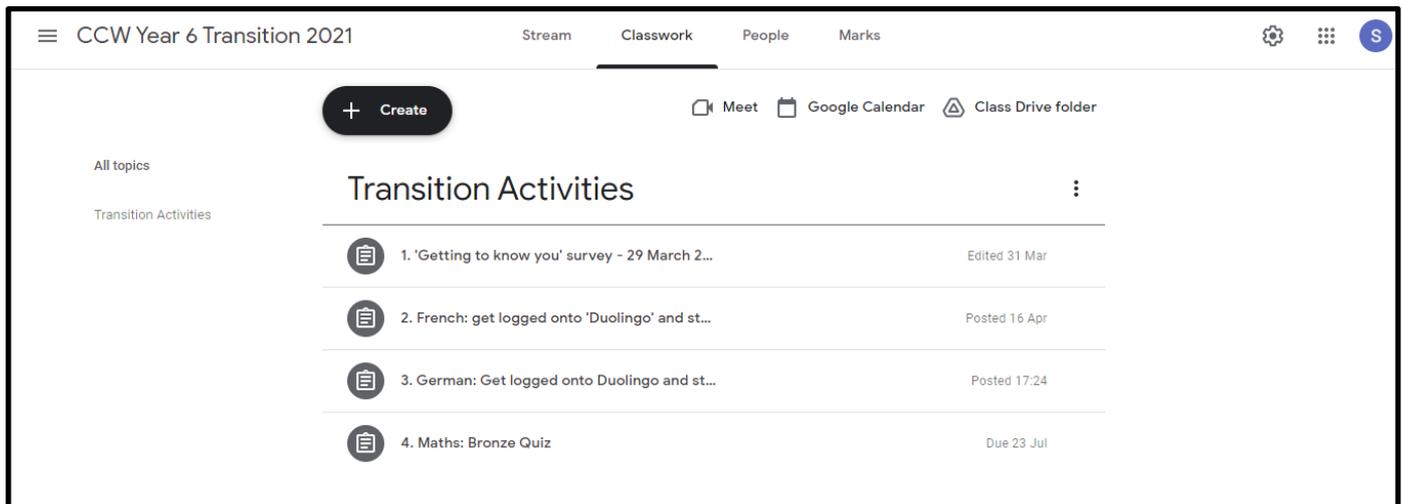
Welcome to the latest of our Transition Newsletters.

We hope that you all had a relaxing Easter holiday. Typical British weather of course – I think I counted at least 3 different seasons during the fortnight we were off school. But at least the weather seems set fair for a spell now. I hope that your primary school teachers and headteachers have lots of outdoor activities planned for you!

### Google Classroom

Well done to the nearly 50 students who, with the help of their parents, have managed to log onto their CCW Google account and accepted our invitation to join the 'CCW Year 6 Transition 2021' Google Classroom. Below is a screenshot of the 'Classwork' section in which we have now posted 4 different activities. #1 is a 'Getting to know you' questionnaire and #4 is the first of our Maths quizzes. #2 and #3 are instructions as to how to join the CCW French and German 'Duolingo' classrooms – this is a dedicated app we use throughout KS3 and KS4 to help students with foreign language acquisition, revision and practice.

Parents should have received an email over the Easter holidays with details of their son/daughter's CCW Google email address and password. If, for whatever reason, you haven't received this, please contact us at [post@ccwhitby.org](mailto:post@ccwhitby.org) and we'll arrange for the details to be forwarded to you.



### Getting to know us

We hope that you enjoyed reading the comments from some of our current Year 7 students in *Transition Newsletter #4* that we circulated at the start of the Easter holidays. This week I've invited some of our support staff to introduce themselves to you. It's a real 'team effort' here at Caedmon – the teaching staff couldn't do everything they do to progress the learning and progress of our students without the support of colleagues in our technician, admin, site, cleaning and catering teams. I hope you enjoy reading their contributions.

*Hello Year 6*

*I help teach DT Resistant Materials and cover other lessons.*

*Resistant Materials lessons are so much fun. You will learn what materials we use and how to use the tools to make things. You will make some great products out of wood, plastic and metal over the year.*

*I grew up in Whitby and went to Caedmon as did my children who are all grown up now.*

*My favourite subjects at school were as you can guess resistant materials, working with wood, metal and plastic. The best thing about Caedmon students is good manners and kindness.*

*In my spare time I like to teach martial arts and play guitar in a band. See you in September.*



Mr Beeforth



*Hello Year 6*

*I'm of the teaching assistants at CCW but at the moment most of my work is at Whitby Sixth Form. My daughter Sarah attended Caedmon College and the support she received was nothing short of amazing. I am certain she would not have attained the GCSE grades she did if she hadn't received such help from the committed team here at Caedmon College. Sarah went on to join Whitby Sixth Form to study English and Law. She is now in her last year at Teesside University where she is studying law. Just think – all of this could be ahead of you too. See you in September.*

*Mrs Stanley*

*Hello Year 6*

*I'm the Business Manager at CCW and I look after all sorts of interesting things like finance, health and safety, staffing and ensuring that our buildings are well-maintained and well-equipped for your lessons. We have some excellent facilities and staff to support you in your learning and I am sure that you will enjoy your time at Caedmon. It might seem like a very large place at first but there are lots of friendly staff and older students to help you if you are not sure where to go. I liked nearly all of my subjects when I was at school but PE was probably my favourite subject. My daughter will be moving up from her primary school to join Caedmon too this year, like you - so I have a very special interest in hoping that you will all settle in well. I look forward to seeing you all when you arrive.*



*Ms Hunter*



*Hello Year 6*

*I am one of the learning support assistants here at Caedmon. I love working here and was once upon a time was a student here myself! It's a great school, with lovely staff and children. In my spare time I like walking, and have recently learned to paddleboard. I run a Youth Club in Staithees and already know a few of you from there. I look forward to meeting the rest of you in September.*

*Mrs Coaten*

*Hello Year 6*

*I work in the admin team here at Caedmon. I grew up in Dorset and went to school on the Isle of Portland. My favourite subjects at school were English, maths, history and cookery. Both my children came to Caedmon; my daughter now works for HM Revenue and Customs in Liverpool and my son works in the Head Office of the Coop in Manchester. In my spare time I like to walk our dog, garden, bake, read and knit. If I could have a superpower it would be to make it impossible for anyone to drop litter anywhere.*



*Mrs Nedley*

*Hello Year 6*



*I am one of the admin team at Caedmon College, I work with all the staff but mostly with Mr Riley and Mr Bond, a bit like your school secretary. I also help to organise the Year 11 Prom. I grew up and went to school in Leicestershire, but moved to Whitby for my husband's work about 26 years ago. I have 2 daughters who both attended Caedmon College and are both now at York University and they love it. My eldest daughter is doing a Maths degree and my youngest is training to be a children's nurse. My favourite subjects at school were art and English. In my spare time I like to socialise and walk with friends, I sometimes go to the College gym and do a couple of Zumba classes each week. The best thing about Caedmon students is their friendliness, they always say hello when walking down the corridor during lunch or break time. I get to know a lot of students through Hot Chocolate Friday, I am sure you will find out about these soon enough!*

*Mrs Robinson*

*Hello Year 6*

*I am the Data and Attendance Manager at College. I grew up and went to the old Caedmon School and Whitby Community College – the two schools that joined together to make Caedmon College Whitby. My favourite subjects at school were languages, maths and music. My daughter comes to Caedmon and she's currently in Year 8. The best thing about Caedmon students is they like to have fun, take care of each other and work as a team. In my spare time I like to see my family, read books, watch movies and go to the beach. If I could have a superpower it would be to be able to breathe underwater and not get cold in the North Sea!*



*Ms Nightingale*

*Hello Year 6*

*I'm one of the science technicians here at Caedmon. If you ever see an explosion or fungus growing in science it will be because me or one of my colleagues has made it happen! I grew up and went to school in Bridlington which I remember as a lovely seaside resort. The summers were always sunny and the winters were always snowy. I used to enjoy playing on the beach and the local countryside. My favourite subjects at school were technical drawing and woodwork. I remember making a jewellery box for my mum; she loved it. Nowadays, in my spare time, I like to grow vegetable and do DIY. I am an active member of the local Mountain Rescue Team - I love the feeling when I've helped rescue someone and return them to their family.*

*The best thing about Caedmon students is that they know if they study hard they can achieve anything. We have students who have travelled all over the world. If I could have a superpower it would be to see into the future.*

*Mr Hartley*



*Hello Year 6*

*I grew up and went to school in Essex – about 200 miles south of Whitby! My favourite subjects at school were PE and food studies. In my spare time I like to keep fit and watch my favourite team - West Ham United. If I could have a superpower it would be to be able to teleport so that I could travel to hot, sunny destinations really quickly. The best thing about Caedmon students is how creative they are, especially during my drama lessons.*

*Ms Reddy*



*Hello Year 6*

*I'm the careers adviser here at Caedmon College and at Whitby Sixth Form. I help students with any questions they have about jobs they might be interested in doing when they're older. I think I have the best job in school, as I get to meet with all of the older students for a chat about their career ideas and give them help if they need it. I really enjoy doing this and I'm looking forward to meeting and chatting to you too in the coming years!*

*My son went to Caedmon College. He really enjoyed it and he's now coming to the end of his first year at Whitby Sixth Form. It doesn't seem that long ago since he was in year 6! In my spare time I enjoy settling down with a good book and I also like dancing (but not at the same time - that would be too hard)!*

*Ms Mackle*



### **Chromebook scheme (again)**

Thank you for those of you who contacted us about the Chromebook purchasing scheme. I've reproduced the details in full once again.

The scheme is run through a company called *FreedomTech* who we have worked with for a number of years and the device can either be bought outright (approximately £350) or through a monthly payment scheme of up to three years (£12 per month). The supplied device is a *Lenovo 100e 11.6" Chromebook*, similar to devices we use in school and that many of our primary partners also use. These small but powerful Chromebooks have proven to be ideal learning devices and are robust enough for daily use over long periods of time. The scheme comes with a three year warranty and 'no excess' insurance scheme for peace of mind which operates on a 'rapid repair or replace' model. Our recent experiences of online learning during lockdown really showed the capability of these devices and the ease with which students can still access their work.

Details of the online ordering process through a *FreedomTech* portal will be shared in the next few weeks but to help us plan for numbers it would be helpful if you could complete this form: <https://forms.gle/pj89SiLyFvAVekvw6> indicating whether you would be interested or not. *Completing the form is not in any way binding!* The plan is for orders to be placed prior to the summer holiday. The first payment would be taken at the end of August and devices would be delivered into college for collection by mid-September.

*Simon Riley*

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