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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is the New Year 7 Introductory Day on Thursday 1st July 2021. On this day Year 6 primary school pupils get the opportunity to visit their secondary school prior to the start of the Autumn Term. This is a wonderful opportunity for schools to get to know their new pupils, for pupils to have an introduction to secondary school life and for any potential anxieties to be addressed.

Last year during the national lockdown it was not possible for the event to take place, so we are working hard to make it happen this year – although it will need to take a slightly different format!

ICHS welcomes pupils from over fifty different primary schools each year. Each primary school will have their students in 'bubbles' and an event like the Induction Day has the potential to mix 'bubbles' in primary schools, between primary schools and within our school. We want to minimise the risk of students catching C19 and are therefore putting the following precautions in place:

- **On Thursday 1st July 2021, ICHS pupils in Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 will attend school during Lesson 1, 2 and 3. They will then return home to complete work set by their teachers during Lesson 4 and 5.**
- Year 6 pupils will be invited to attend ICHS for the afternoon of Thursday 1st July 2021. Year 6 students will keep within House 'bubbles' and will be divided into smaller groups of 10 students for many of their activities to minimise social contact.

Whilst I appreciate that asking pupils to complete their work for Lessons 4 and 5 independently is not ideal, I am sure you will agree that it is important that we give our new pupils the opportunity to visit the school. Our teachers will not be able to deliver interactive online lessons on the afternoon of Thursday 1st July as they will be supervising Year 6 students in small groups to minimise social contact.

If it is not possible for your child to work at home on the afternoon of Thursday 1st July, please let the school office know and we will make arrangements for your child to complete their work supervised in school.

Yours sincerely,

R. A. Drysdale

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Headteacher

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