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## Transition Year 2020/21

20<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Further to previous correspondence in relation to our reopening plan, please see below additional information with respect to the Transition Year (TY) 2020/21 programme. The information contained in this letter will be explained in detail to the TY students at their **induction on Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> August from 9:30am to 11:30am**. Unfortunately, as provided for in the DES 'Return to School Guide', parents cannot be present for this induction. However, I do intend on hosting an induction meeting for all parents of TY students when possible later in the term.

### Field Trips

At the moment, all field trips and overnight trips away are postponed. This includes our annual bonding trip in August/September to East Coast Adventure Centre, Rostrevor. However, the adventure trip to Rostrevor and other field trips have been provisionally booked for Term 2 after Christmas.

### Work Experience

Traditionally TY work experience occurs every week on a Thursday. However, given the current situation and in light of the Government's recommendation that people work from home where possible, TY work experience cannot go ahead. Instead, for Term 1 from September until Christmas, all TY students will be prescribed with remote learning and e-Portfolio work to complete every Thursday. Further details of this will be confirmed in the coming weeks. It is important to note that Thursdays will be structured activities, online learning and assignments that will take the students the duration of a traditional school day to complete. Attendance will be monitored every Thursday.

If work experience has already been arranged by any student, I will speak to their parent or guardian directly over the coming weeks.

### Book List

While there are no specific textbooks to be purchased for the year, it is important to note that each TY student is required to have a number of copies, folders etc. Please refer to the booklist on the Chanel College website for further information on this.

## TY Webpage

The Chanel College Transition Year will be the primary location for all TY information. Throughout the year, I will update the webpage with details of any events and activities planned.

Finally, I would like to reassure all parents and guardians that every effort is being made to ensure this year's TY student's TY experience is of the highest possible quality. Many hours of planning have gone into the programme for the year and I hope each student approaches the year with enthusiasm and an open mind.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Ardiff', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Philip Ardiff

Transition Year Programme Coordinator