

10 July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Isleworth & Syon School – Remote Induction Week, Day 5 On-Site Induction in September

We do hope that you and your families are keeping well.

The transition to secondary school can be a challenging time for many students but we have always endeavoured to make the move as straightforward and as easy as possible. Whilst we have not been able to hold an on-site induction day, I do hope that you and your son/ward have managed to access our website and follow the video welcomes, tours and the activities over the course of this week. If you have not had the chance to do this yet, please do so, as they are designed to ease the transition to secondary school.

Autumn Term 2020

We have planned a slightly longer induction programme at the start of next term for your son/ward. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we have also planned a longer staff training programme at the start of next term, which means that our new Year 7 students will return to school on:

Monday 7 September at 8.30am.

This is different to the original date that was planned before the current pandemic. Please do note this new date in your diaries.

For the first two school days, our new Year 7 boys will be the only students on-site. This is to give them the time to get to know the school before the other years return. Our induction programme will be geared to understanding the school routines and to preparing them for the timetabled lessons that will start on Wednesday 9 September.

The Curriculum

You may well have read in the press the suggestion from the Government that some subjects may be removed from the curriculum, in order spend more time focusing on core subjects. We firmly believe in a broad and balanced curriculum and whilst we will be making some adaptations to our lessons, as we reintroduce our students to school, our fundamental commitment to a full curriculum for our students remains in place.

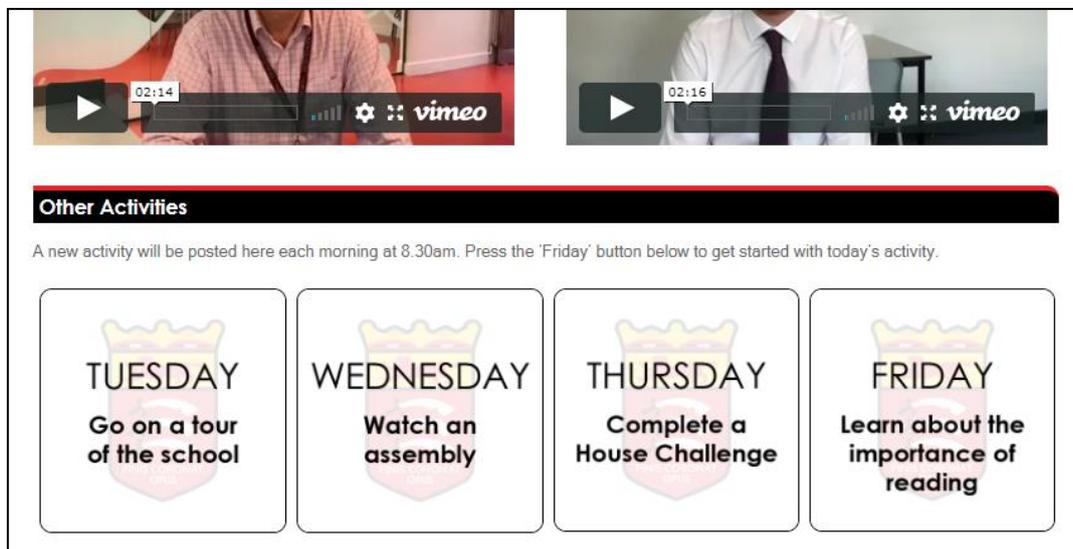
Our desire is to see learning returning to normal as soon as possible. We appreciate that some students may well have been out of school for many weeks, so we will make sure we look after your boys as they get back into the normal rhythm of school life.

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The School Shop and Uniform

Our shop is fully stocked with school uniform, PE & Games kit, and equipment and other items that are important for schooling. The shop will be open during the summer and we will be sending a separate communication to you, so that you can book a time slot to come into school to make your purchases. In advance of this, you can view the items for sale on the school website [here](#).

When you come into school, your son/ward will be gifted a reading book as a welcome to the school and to support him in reading for pleasure ahead of the start of next term. Our Curriculum Leader for English, Miss Hannon, has made a short video explaining more about this book. To access it, go to <https://www.isleworthsyon.org/remotinduction/>, and scroll down until you see this:



The screenshot shows two video thumbnails at the top, each with a play button and a duration of 02:14 and 02:16 respectively. Below them is a section titled "Other Activities" with a sub-header "Other Activities". Underneath is a line of text: "A new activity will be posted here each morning at 8.30am. Press the 'Friday' button below to get started with today's activity." Below this text are four activity cards, each with a school crest and a title:

- TUESDAY**
Go on a tour of the school
- WEDNESDAY**
Watch an assembly
- THURSDAY**
Complete a House Challenge
- FRIDAY**
Learn about the importance of reading

Clicking on 'Friday' will take you to the activity.

Enrichment Programme

Throughout the summer there are a series of enrichment activities available to our students on the school website. You can access them through [this link](#). Please do feel free to browse the site and pick any activities that may be of interest.

We cannot wait for the start of next term and we very much look forward to welcoming your son/ward into school in person. In the meantime, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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