



Dear Student

I want to take this opportunity to welcome you to Hylands School. I know these are strange times and that you may have lots and lots of questions about Hylands and moving to secondary school. To help you through the process of moving from primary to secondary school, in the coming weeks, you will receive more information about your tutor group and what you can expect in your first days at Hylands. At this time, the first thing I wanted to do was to introduce myself to you to help start your transition period.

My name is Ms Marsh and I will be your Head of Year and I am looking forward to working with you to help you achieve your very best in your first year at Hylands School. I have worked at Hylands for 5 years and I teach History and Government and Politics.

I am sure that you are missing a lot of different things at the moment, as am I! I really miss my family, friends and school life. I want to promise you, we will do our best to make your move from primary to secondary school as manageable and as easy as we can. During your first term, we will ensure that you settle into our school and into your tutor group as well as giving you lots of opportunities to make lots of new friends. You have so many new people to meet, opportunities to be had and new experiences ahead of you. Starting a new school can be scary, but with the support around you Hylands will quickly become a familiar, safe and positive environment for you.

We have included with your letter the book *My Awesome Guide to Getting Good at Stuff* By Matthew Syed. This was one of the World Book day books from this year and is a great guide to building resilience, confidence and determination - skills you will need for your transition to Hylands.

In the Primary Liaison mini site on our school website ([www.hylands-tkat.org](http://www.hylands-tkat.org)) you will find a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) section which will hopefully answer any questions you have. If you can't find the answer to your question on there, you or a parent/carer can email us via [primarylinks@hylands-tkat.org](mailto:primarylinks@hylands-tkat.org) and someone from the primary transition team will get back to you.

Over the coming weeks videos from staff, presentations, challenges, videos of different areas of the school etc. will all be added to the Primary Liaison mini site so please keep checking back to see our updates. In the future, we are also hoping to do some virtual meetings with myself and other key members of staff. This will hopefully be done through your primary school, however you may need to log in and join us from home. We will send you more details about these in the future.

Finally, please look after yourself and your loved ones, enjoy the enclosed book and I look forward to meeting you soon..

Kind regards,

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