

# TRANSITION NEWSLETTER NO. 1

Dear Year 6,



We'd like to introduce ourselves to you again. We are Mr Kay, Assistant Headteacher, and Mrs Kneen, Head of Year 7. Along with your new form tutors, we will be the key people to help you settle in and become part of the Castle Rushen family.

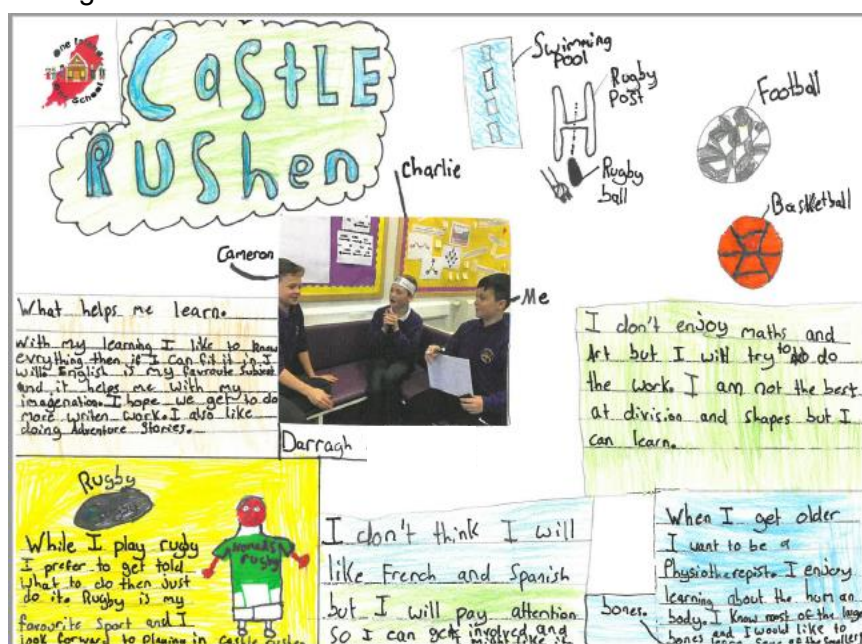
Welcome to your first Transition Newsletter! We hope that you are all well and managing to adjust to the very unusual life we are currently all living.



You may have already been a little anxious about the transition to Castle Rushen in September and we had lots of plans for subject sessions and visits for you all to help this process. We don't yet know when or if we will be able to this, so we will be moving lots of our transition activities online over the coming months.

If, at any time, you or your parents/carers have a question about coming to Castle Rushen, then get in touch with us. You can do this by emailing [crhsenquiries@sch.im](mailto:crhsenquiries@sch.im), through our Transition Facebook Page CRHS Transition 2020, or through our website, [crhs.sch.im](http://crhs.sch.im).

One thing you can get on with whilst you are working from home is your OIOS, or 'One Island One School' document. We have spoken to your primary Headteachers and they would like you to do this as part of your remote learning.







Don't worry, it's really easy! Every year, each Year 6 pupil in the south of the Island completes a poster about them as a learner. This comes to us at Castle Rushen and we scan it and share it with all of your subject teachers, so that they know how you like to learn and know a little bit about you before you meet.

Here are some guidelines:

- This is just a poster, so don't panic!
- You need one sheet of A4 paper. Bigger or smaller will be fine if you do not have A4 paper at home.
- If you were with your Year 6 class teacher, they would give you a page with the OIOS emblem in the corner. We have put this on our website, so if you want to print this one and use it, you can. It really doesn't matter if you can't though!
- It's better if you do it by hand, writing, drawing, colouring in or sticking pictures onto it. We'd rather you didn't use a computer or tablet if possible.
- You can use any kind of coloured pencils, felt pens, sharpies, pens or pencils.
- If you usually use a laptop to write, then that's fine.

- You should include a photo of yourself. This should be 'a bit more than a selfie'. It could be a picture of you doing something you like, or learning in a way you prefer. Don't worry if you do not have a printer at home, you could always give us the picture separately, or you send it to us and we can add it.
- You just need to tell us about you as a learner. This could include telling us how you prefer to learn. Year 6 students in the past have said things like this:
- You could also tell us what you like to learn about, what you are less keen on, and things you are looking forward to learning about at Castle Rushen.
- You could tell us other things, such as what your hobbies are outside of school, things about your family and pets, or what you would like to be when you're older, if you know!

'I like to learn by drawing'

'I like to use a whiteboard to write down all of my ideas'

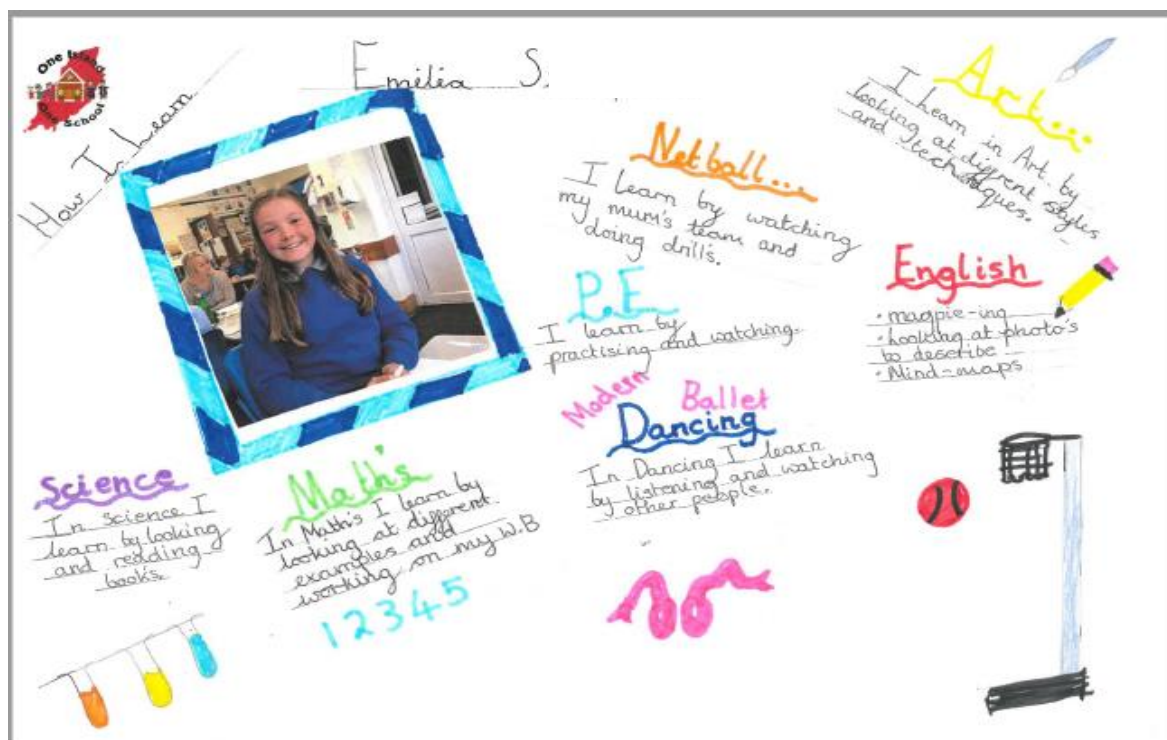
'I don't like working in a big group but I am okay in a small group'

'I live with my dad and stepmum and my new baby brother and see my mum at weekends'

'I love Liverpool FC and my favourite player is Mo Salah'

'Because I love stories, in the future I think I'd like to be a writer'

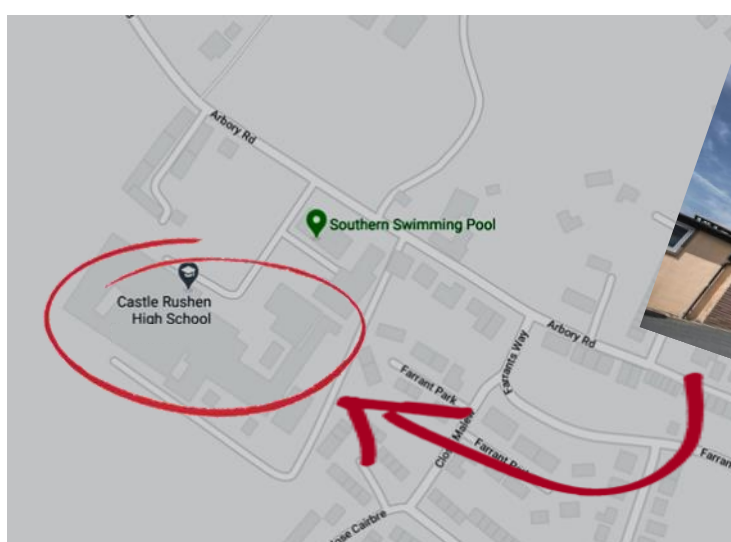
- There aren't really any rules about what you include. Just think 'What would I want my new teachers to know about me?'



When you have finished, we would be really grateful if you could send your poster to us at Castle Rushen. There are lots of ways you could do this:


- If you have access to a scanner, you could scan it and send it to [crhsenquiries@sch.im](mailto:crhsenquiries@sch.im)
- You could send it by post to Castle Rushen High School, Arbory Road, Castletown, IM9 1RE.
- You could drop it at Castle Rushen during the day if you are passing, observing social distancing rules of course! Or a family member could drop it in if they are passing. Make sure that you put your name and primary school on the back.
- We are sending you some things in the next week or so with a pre-paid envelope to return to us, so you can save it until then. Don't worry if you don't want to fold your lovely work and would rather scan and send it or drop it in.

If there are any problems, don't worry. Hold on to your poster and we will get it at some stage in the future.





# QUESTIONS



Many of you will have lots of questions about coming to Castle Rushen for Year 7. Every year, we bring some Year 7s to visit you and you can ask them questions about what it's like being at big school. As we probably won't be able to do this, we are hoping to find a way to meet you online and will let you know about this once it is sorted out.

In the meantime, we'd like to get a question competition going. We will give 2 prizes for the best questions sent to us each week. The first week's competition is now open, and your question has to be sent to us by Friday 15th May. We will publish the questions, and our answers, in the next newsletter.

Send us your questions at [CRHSenquiries@sch.im](mailto:CRHSenquiries@sch.im) or get your parents/carers to send us your question through our Facebook Transition Page, CRHS Transition 2020.

Remember to include:

- **Your name**
- **Your primary school**
- **Your question!**


[QUESTIONS]

[ANSWERS]



# ALL ABOUT ME!

## Year 7 Student Profile

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| <b>Name:</b>   | Molly  |  |
| <b>Primary School:</b>   | Arbory   |   |
| <b>How did you feel before you started Castle Rushen?</b>                                  | Nervous but excited  |   |
| <b>How easy was it to find your way around?</b>  | When we did the transition days, me and my friends thought we were never going to be able to find our way around the school, but it was really simple once you get used to it. |   |
| <b>What was it like at Castle Rushen once you got used to it?</b>                          | I liked it! You do more sports, and it's nice to have an area only for Year 7s. I also like having different teachers for different subjects.                                  |   |
| <b>Did you make new friends?</b>   | Yes, lots!   |   |
| <b>Which are your favourite subjects?</b>  | PE and History   |   |
| <b>What are the teachers like?</b>   | Nice, but some are lot stricter than primary school teachers.  |   |
| <b>What advice would you give to a Year 6 who is coming to Castle Rushen in September?</b> | Try not to stress that much. It's not as bad as you think!   |   |

In the next few days we are hoping to that our first transition video will be live on our website. You'll get a message from your primary school when It's there. We hope you enjoy it!  
That's all for our first newsletter. Take care and **stay safe**.

Mr Kay  
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Mrs Kneen  
Head of Year 7