

Additional Transition at QEGS

As the Extended Learning Department, we are passionate about the success of all students at QEGS, and with this in mind we offered an extended additional transition programme for a range of students, some with SEN, some with concerns about 'moving up' and some who were coming from very small primaries by themselves, without an established group of friends to 'move up' with.

During the early part of the Spring term, we are in contact with primary schools to establish which students may need 'Additional Transition' packages. Miss Meadows, as Leader of Extended Learning, and a member of the Y6/7 transition team then visits the primaries and meets with them before Easter, to establish the individual needs and support needed for each child.

The first half of the summer term is a period in which 'Additional Transition' students can act as Ambassadors for their schools, as they visit weekly for an hour, and tour the school, create a resource booklet of information, and familiarise themselves with staff and the large site that is QEGS.

The second part of the summer term is the period in which the same students visit for two hours per week, and participate in activities in the Sports Hall, Technology, and explore lessons that they may not have experienced during their Primary Curriculum. We also hold a parent meeting during this term, so that parents/carers can meet with Extended Learning staff, meet up with their child's mentor for the coming academic year.

Summer 2017 will be the fourth time that we have offered this style of extended transition, and we are looking forward to it enormously. Here are some examples of parent comments from our Summer 2014 Additional Transition work:

"Excellent idea to transition early"

"Great teachers and TAs"

"Made lots of difference in my opinion"

"I feel confident that my son's needs will be met"

"Thank you for putting me at my ease"

"Thank you so much for the help, support and reassurance"

If you would like to discuss your child and this programme further, please do not hesitate to contact the Extended Learning Department at:

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