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Dear Year 6 Pupil

My name is Miss Curtis and I am very excited to introduce myself as your Director of Wellbeing at Bassaleg School. I would firstly like to acknowledge all the hard work you have been managing at home - whether this be completing your schoolwork, helping your parents/carers out with any chores or generally keeping a calm head during 'lock down'.

As of September, I will be overseeing your time at Bassaleg. I am here to support you in any way possible; I will help you with your problems and listen to you when you need someone to talk to. I am also here to celebrate your achievements as well as to check on your progress in lessons as you gain knowledge and develop your learning and understanding. My purpose is to guide and support you as you grow up and help you to be the best and most successful version of yourself.

Now of course, you will have many other people you can speak to whilst you are at Bassaleg School, including your form tutor who will be the first teacher that you see every morning. Your form tutor will be essential during your time here and will help you prepare for school every day. You will also have many different subject teachers who you will get to know over the next five years and let us not forget the different friends you will make along the way.

We do not want you to feel that you are missing out on a transition experience, so myself and Mr Batten (Assistant Headteacher) have worked with a group of 'resident experts' at Bassaleg School. This is a group of current Year 7 pupils who we think, will be the best people to talk to you about what Bassaleg is really like. Therefore, we have created a page on our website **just for you!** Click on the pink 'Transition September 2020' tab on our website:

<https://www.bassalegschool.com/>



Pupil Section:

Staff Videos: Messages from Miss Lambe (*Headteacher*), Mr Maughan (*Deputy Headteacher*), Mr Batten (*Assistant Headteacher*), Mrs Booth (*who is in charge of the Progress Centre*) as well as myself (*Miss Curtis, your Director of Wellbeing*).

What Our Pupils Say: Our transition team have made you a series of videos and PowerPoints to answer some typical questions that you might have. If you are struggling to stream the video, you can have a look through their PowerPoints instead.

Activities: There is also a selection of small tasks to get you thinking about Bassaleg and how you will need to organise yourself.

Subjects: We have a new curriculum at Bassaleg so we thought it might be nice for you to spend some time familiarising yourself with the different topics of study. We envisage that you will sit down with your parents/carers over the last few weeks of summer term and use the resources to gradually work your way through the subjects. Whilst these are not compulsory, we do think that they will help prepare you for different areas of study next year and put your minds at ease.

Virtual Tours: We have split Bassaleg School into three parts for you to have a look around. We start at Forge Building (where Year 8, 10 and 11 will be based), we move to the centre part of the school where a lot of the tennis courts and Astroturf are situated and then to Griffin Building, where you will be based and will register every day (Year 9 will be based there too).

One Page Profile: We have been speaking to your primary teachers to get to know and understand you as best we can and whilst this will never be as good as the real thing, meeting you in person, we would like to hear from **YOU**. Please complete this profile any way you wish - you could draw pictures and diagrams, recreate it using ICT or simply write your answers.

Photos: Have a look at the fun the current year 7's have been having!

Quiz: After you have looked through all the information, I would like you to answer this final quiz to see what you have learnt about joining us. Make sure that you click on 'View Score' at the end of the quiz because some answers are explained in more detail - this is important.

FAQ: This stands for frequently asked questions so have a look through the newsletter to see if we can help.

A Sneak Peek of Bassaleg Life: Have a look at the latest Bassaleg Newsletter to get *A Sneak Peek of Bassaleg Life*.

In September, you will find out what form class you are in and who your form teacher is. Remember, we want the best for you at Bassaleg so we will be placing you in a form class that we believe to be of maximum benefit to your learning, as well as your social, emotional wellbeing and development. We will ensure that there will be at least one other pupil from your school in your form and quite possibly many more.

I do not know if you are aware but Bassaleg is known for its **excellent** health and wellbeing agenda - it is true because Estyn told us we were! We are dedicated and committed to ensuring you feel happy and excited about your transition to Bassaleg School. I cannot wait to welcome you and the rest of the year group in September and I look forward to meeting you and getting to know you personally.

I would like to say a big 'thank you' for looking through the digital transition resources. If you have any questions that we have not already answered, then please get your parents/carers to get in contact with us.

Stay safe and take care of yourself.

Miss Curtis

Director of Wellbeing, Year 7