**Year 6 Transition Project in Bradford**

Moving from primary to secondary is an important step in the next stage of a child’s education. While all schools will have a transition strategy moving from Year 6 to Year 7, we think that a city wide strategy developed between feeder primary and secondary schools will have a better impact.

A large majority of primary and secondary schools across Bradford have committed to working on the co-construction and implementation of a city wide transition strategy.

If all primary and secondary schools committed to the proposed transition project, then this would reach approximately 8500 pupils.

During this unprecedented period, Year 6 pupils will have missed 7 weeks of formal education and will have been at home 10 weeks with limited contact with their teachers and peers. We feel that a transition project would be a great opportunity to begin transition in Year 6 and continue through to the start of Year 7. We believe that the transition project will develop their confidence and help them prepare for secondary school, ignite their enthusiasm through a chosen text and enable them to get to know teachers and peers at their new school through a shared experience.

We have purchased a copy of the chosen book, Boy 87 for every Year 6 child in Bradford. This is at no extra cost to schools. A team of highly skilled and experienced primary teachers are working on a cross-curricular scheme of work which can be delivered in school or at home during the last few weeks of the summer term. We also have a team of highly skilled secondary teachers who are working together to share ideas on how this will aid transition in Year 7.

Ele Fountain, the author of the book is very excited and honoured that we have chosen her book and is keen to get involved. She will be sending a personalised message to share with the children to introduce herself and wish them a happy summer. She has also offered to take part in Q&A sessions with our children throughout the project.

If you would like to be involved in this exciting project, then please can you contact the BPIP Area Head for your area and confirm how many books you will require for your Year 6 cohort. They will keep in touch with schools about then delivery of the books and the schemes of work. We hope to have the books in Bradford by 8th June and the scheme of work available from the 15th June.

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