



ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE
HANDSWORTH
SECONDARY SCHOOL



January 21, 2021

Dear Grade 7 Parents/Guardians,

Subject: Grade 7 to Grade 8 Transition to Handsworth Secondary

On behalf of the administration and staff I would like to welcome you to the Handsworth School Community. It is with great anticipation and excitement that we look forward to the arrival of your child at Handsworth for the 2021-2022 school year. The intention of this letter is to provide you with information on the transition process from Grade 7 into Grade 8 that will support your child's transition. We encourage you to take an active role in this process and ask that you please make note of any important dates.

Part 1: Parent Presentation

Parents of current Grade 7s are invited to a **Parent Presentation on Wednesday, January 27th, at 6:30pm via a Teams Live Event.**

*Please ensure you have downloaded the MS Teams program on your device in anticipation of the meeting. Links to the virtual events will be posted online on our school website at: <https://www.sd44.ca/school/handsworth/ProgramsServices/Courses/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

The purpose of the 6:30pm Parent Meeting is to provide general information about Handsworth, specific information about Grade 8 courses and program offerings, and important information on Grade 7's transitioning into secondary school. Additionally, parents will have the opportunity to meet Ms. Millar, the Grade 8 counsellor, and the administrative team at Handsworth.

Part 2: Grade 7 Virtual Classroom Visits

Handsworth's grade 8 counsellor and grade administrator will visit grade 7 classrooms virtually (via MS Teams) for an introduction and presentation on grade 8 course selection options and Handsworth's extra-curricular opportunities available for students to participate in. These virtual visits will take place in **early February over a live team event.** The purpose of these visits is:

- To begin to build a sense of community and connection to Handsworth
- To answer any initial questions students may have about Handsworth
- To create an understanding of the course selection options and process
 - Course selection forms will be provided to Grade 7 teachers for distribution to parents
 - Completed course selection forms are due back to your child's Grade 7 teacher by **Friday, February 19th, 2021**



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Part 3: Student Visits and Orientation to Handsworth

In May, Grade 7 classes will visit Handsworth to tour the school, meet teachers, and make connections with Handsworth students. This event is dependent on the COVID-19 health restrictions. Grade 7 teachers will provide you with these dates in the future.

On behalf of the Handsworth Community we look forward to meeting you and your child.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Desai'.

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cc Rupi Samra-Gynane, Principal