

P7 Transition - English

Welcome to our new S1 students!

We are looking forward to meeting you in person when we start the new school year in August.



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Although we can't have our Transition lessons at Leith Academy this year, the English Faculty have put together a number of tasks and activities for you to complete so we can get to know you, and get to see some of your English work, to help us plan your lessons from August onwards.



We hope you enjoy the activities and look forward to seeing you all in August!

Task/Activity 1

We want to get to know you! Please comment on the following questions to tell us about yourself:

Name:	Name – I like to be called:
<p>It would help me to have: (suggestions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• large print on slides• keyword/help sheets on desk• coloured paper for assessments• no background noise• extra time to think• a notebook beside me• no red/green backgrounds• a seat at the front• Time out if I need it• Lots of paired/group work• A reading ruler/coloured overlay	<p>It would help me to have:</p>
<p>I think that you should know...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I'm left-handed• I'm colour blind• I don't have a computer at home• I don't have a printer at home• I find difficult• I really like• I have a phobia of• I fidget sometimes	<p>I think that you should know:</p>

Task/Activity 2

Below is a link to a poem about starting secondary school, by the poet Tony Walsh.

You can watch Tony performing the poem and you can also see a written version of the poem.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/english-ks2-new-beginnings-by-tony-walsh/zddmbdm>

Watch and read the poem at least twice before attempting the task.

Task/Activity 2 continued

What did you think of the poem? Answer the following questions:

1. What is the poem about?
2. What is the message the poet is trying to give the reader - what does he want to say to you?
3. What is the purpose of the poem - why did he write it?
4. What is your opinion of the poem? - give your reasons for liking or disliking the poem.
5. Would you recommend this poem to other students? - give your reasons.

Task/Activity 3

For this task we are going to look at 'poetic techniques' and how the poet uses these in this poem.

Below are 3 examples of poetic techniques. Research to find out what they are and write down a definition for each:

- Rhyme
- Alliteration
- Metaphor

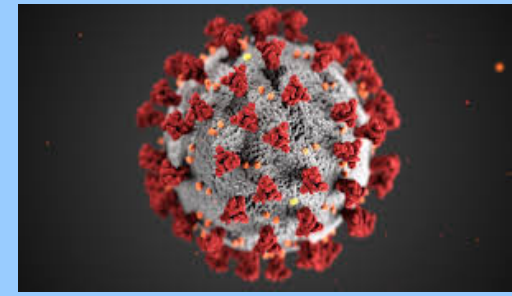


Look again at the poem and identify where these techniques are used in the poem, and explain why you think the poet has used these techniques?

Extension Task: What do you think will be the same or different between your primary school and Leith Academy? Make a list or write a paragraph explaining your thoughts.



Task/Activity 4



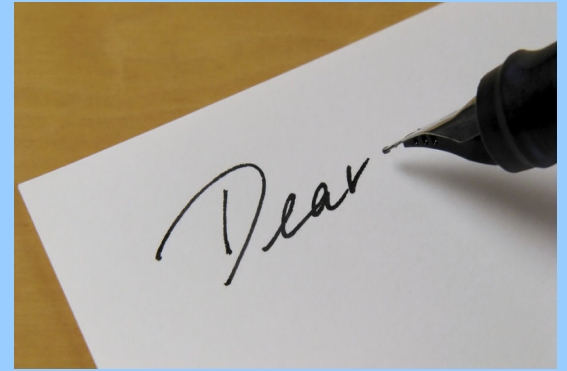
The next 2 tasks are all about your experiences of 'Lockdown'.

We have all had a unique experience of what lockdown has been like and what we have missed or even enjoyed about the last 3 months!

We want you to 'reflect' on what lockdown has been like for you and what you have learned from it, or been changed by it.

Either write about or create a poster showing what you have liked or disliked about lockdown? What have you missed? What have you learned about yourself or your family? What are you most looking forward to when lockdown ends?

Task/Activity 5



For this task you are going to write a letter to your 'future' self.

Imagine yourself in 6 months' time - write a letter to yourself explaining how life has changed and what the world is like by Christmas. Try to be imaginative in your writing and use lots of adjectives (describing words) to bring your writing to life.

In your letter include:

- What is different about the world?
- What is school like? Is it what you expected?
- What advice would you give yourself about coping with Coronavirus?

Final Advice

We hope you enjoy doing these tasks, but these are not compulsory. You can choose to do all of them, or just one or two.

You can do your work on a computer or tablet, or on your phone and bring it with you when you come to school in August.

You could write/draw your work on paper and then take photographs of what you have done. These can be emailed to Mrs Gilbert-Davies (Acting CL, English) at this address:

AlisonGilbertDavies@leith.edin.sch.uk

If you have any concerns or queries please contact Mrs Gilbert-Davies by email.

Have fun, and see you in August!

