LYDIARD PARK ACADEMY

TRANSITION GROUP

Invitation

➤ Linking Primary and Secondary Computer education

➤ Providing continuity for pupils between Key Stages

➤ Benefitting Swindon schools with cost-free, practical solutions and a teacher-led support network.

Executive Principal: Mr C Zimmerman
Operational Principal: Mr G Pearson
Vice Principal: Miss S Hesten

Invitation

Dear Colleague,

I would like to invite you to attend the next meeting of the new Transition Group.

Following on from the briefing to Headteachers given in February, this second Transition Group meeting is designed for Computing Coordinators and Heads of Department.

We would like to support your school in providing Year 6 and Year 7 pupils with a comprehensive means of determining their progress and attainment at that critical moment of interface.

There will be no charge for this, and the initiative is open to all. It is our intention to work with a broad range of Swindon schools, in association with many supporting bodies including those listed below, to create a model for transition in Computing between Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3.

It is our aim to assist schools in determining an accurate measure of the level of understanding that pupils have gained in Computing during the critical step to Secondary education.

Our Transition Group initiative is closely affiliated to CAS (Computing At School) and stems from the existing CAS Hub, {Research and Innovation Group} that has been developing in Swindon since 2012.

We anticipate the initial research phase of this project leading to practical guidance materials and a trial Universal Transition Project in time for September 2019.

If you would like to join us on the 20th March please reply to this email to reserve a place. Where you would prefer your coordinator or Head of Department to attend on behalf of your school please pass this email on to them and ask them to contact us directly.

We will be starting an email distribution list for the sole purpose of keeping you updated about the Transition Group. If you would rather not receive emails about the Transition Group please do indicate this.

Thank you for taking the time to read through this invitation. We hope that you will join in to this exciting initiative which is being led by The Park Academies Trust.

Thank you for the encouragement that has been given – we are certain that the time is right to establish a reliable process of standardized transition provision in Computing which could be widely adopted and of benefit to all. We look forward to welcoming those who are free to join us on the 20th March.

Regards,

Phil Anley
For and on behalf of The Transition Group,
The Park Academies Trust, Swindon

The following individuals and organisations have already expressed their support for the Transition Group:

CAS – RIG Hub: Beverly Clarke (National CAS Community Manager)

National Centre for Computer Education NCCE

Microsoft EDU: Arran Smith

Exa Foundation: Alan O'Donohoe

Digital Schoolhouse: Tony Gilbert

National Centre for Computer Education NCCE

The Foundation for Creativity: Clare Garside