

Transition:

We continue to build on our new transition unit in strengthening our links with our feeder Primary schools. The team work closely in the spring and Summer terms with the KS2 teachers at St. Martin & St. Mary Church of England Primary School on a collaborative writing project to bridge the gap between KS2 and KS3. This will culminate with teachers from both schools enjoying seeing students in their former and prospective settings as they develop skills in planning and writing for purpose, form and audience as well as refining work through the drafting process.

By attending KS2 writing cluster meetings we are able to remain updated about ongoing developments in writing standards, moderation and changes to policy at Primary level. Our aim is to build a robust bridge across the Key Stage and to maintain it through developing a programme which allows prospective students to have experience of Secondary school English lessons including content, delivery and expectations.

In addition to this we contact all feeder Primary schools in the summer term to request extended writing examples from all prospective Year 7 students in order to further support their transition to The Lakes School. This can act as a benchmark standard to avoid any potential slip in standards over the summer break and to inform the team of the great work which continues at the surrounding Primary schools.