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## Successful Transition Days at Congleton High School: A Warm Welcome for New Students

Welcome to the very first Headteacher's blog. Every fortnight Ms Thurland will keep you up -to-date with all the amazing achievements and events at CHS. For our first blog we wanted to tell you all about our fantastic New Intake Days as we look forward to welcoming our new students to the CHS family

At the end of June, we hosted two exciting transition days for our incoming students. These days were packed with activities designed to help the new cohort get acquainted with their form tutors, familiarise themselves with the school grounds, share their aspirations, and connect with their peers.

One of the highlights was the unveiling of House assignments, with each student receiving a free house tie – a first for Congleton High School! We know how important that first full-uniform photo is for families, and we can't wait to see those smiles on the 4th of September.

Students delved into a variety of subjects, including Maths, English, Science, Humanities, and ICT. Team-building House events were also on the agenda, fostering strong relationships among students and staff. Starting the day as primary school pupils from 26 different primaries, they ended the week as proud CHS scholars.

Adding to the excitement, our new students were treated to performances of High School Musical, showcasing the incredible talent at CHS and the opportunities available to them in the future. Over 180 new students joined us, supported by older year group mentors dedicated to giving them a warm and friendly CHS welcome.

I recently visited Dove Bank Primary School, Daven Primary School, Scholar Green Primary School, Astbury St Mary's CofE Primary School, Black Firs Primary School, The Quinta Primary School, and Woodcocks' Well CofE Primary School, and I was truly impressed by every student I met. Their respect and enthusiasm about joining CHS were remarkable. It's a privilege to work with such wonderful students. I've also enjoyed receiving and responding to letters from them, as their introductions have given me a glimpse into their personalities.

The transition days were a huge success, setting the stage for a fantastic start to the new school year! I am very much looking forward to welcoming everyone through our gates in September.

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