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School: Stroud High School	LA: Gloucestershire
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Learning Focus: A transition project to support KS2 students and their integration into secondary school.	
Curriculum Focus: Transition Project	
Tools used: Homepage, Forum, Custom Page	

The screenshot shows the 'Stroud High 'Chicks'' website. The main content area features a welcome message: "Welcome to the Stroud High 'Chicks' Zone Designed with the help of Year 7 students, especially for you!". Below this, it says "Welcome to your new school!" and lists things that will be in common, such as "Treating each other with respect and tolerance" and "Low of our larks and friends". To the right, there is a "Stroud High 'Chicks' FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)" section with questions like "What should I wear on the Induction Day?" and "What time can I arrive on the Induction Day?".

The screenshot shows a forum thread titled "Hello Parents!". The thread starts with a post from a parent: "Hi, I'm a parent of a Year 7 child and I'm looking for a place to post messages and get to know other Stroud High School parents - from those in the same position as myself to parents of our existing Year 7 pupils, do our existing Year 7 pupils...". Below the post is a table showing forum activity:

Topic	Views	Posts	Last Post
hello	4	0	
hello	11	1	10 Jul 2009 12:06
hello	0	0	

How this worked in practice: We are a selective girls' grammar school and have an intake of 120 from up to 85 primary schools. Often the girls are nervous about coming as they are the only one from their school. We visit every girl in their primary school during the summer term and while we are talking to them give them their login for the VLE – they then use Stroud High Chicks forums to get to know each other in a totally safe environment – many arrange to meet up in the school holidays.

Our existing Y7 students are members of the group and can answer any questions the new students have – they love doing this as they were 'Chicks' themselves the previous year. There is also a 'Parent to Parent' forum so that the nervous parents can also communicate with each other, and a 'Read any good books lately' forum for the girls to discover things in common and made recommendations.

The named teacher has kindly agreed for this example and the relevant contact details, to be shared within the cLc community for other teachers benefit.