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Dear Parents/Carers and Students

I trust you have all had time to discuss your tutor groups with your friends and are now feeling happy and excited about starting in September.

This week we look forward to hopefully meeting the parents and carers virtually. During this meeting our Principal, Mr Painton will talk about life at Rushcliffe School and then Mr Staiano will discuss year 7 and how we intend to assist the students with settling in. If anyone is unable to attend their allocated meeting slot, we shall be recording one of the sessions and will share on our website.

This week I would like to share with you some letters written to you, by some of our wonderful year 7 students about how they found transition and making the move from Primary to Secondary school. These are attached.

Further to this we are providing the students with a Transition work booklet. This is entirely optional, however completing the booklet will certainly help with life when they arrive on the first day. Included in the booklet are such tasks as; learning to read a Rushcliffe timetable, finding your way around school and uniform and equipment tasks.

If you require the booklet to be printed and sent home, please do let me know by Monday 20th July and I can arrange that for you. Simply email transition@rushcliffe.notts.sch.uk with the subject title "transition booklet".

Yours faithfully

Lyndon Crawley
Assistant Principal

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Letters from our year 7 students

Hello Year 6,

As you and your parents have continued to receive information about your transition from your primary school to Rushcliffe School, some of our current Year 7 students have taken some time out of their studies to write a letter to you. They have written these letters from their perspective of how they were feeling this time last year and how they have found their first year at Rushcliffe School.

Hopefully, these letters, combined with the letter from me earlier in the week containing a link to your Rushcliffe School transition video, will help ease your nerves about starting secondary school education.

I hope you find these Year 7 letters to you interesting.

Mr Staiano

Year 7 Student Letters

Hannah 7K

Oliver 7B

Naomi 7B

Amy 7C

Jacob 7G

Monica 7J

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Hannah 7K

Dear year 6 students,

I just want to start off by saying year 7 is not nearly as scary as you think it will be! Trust me, it's way better than primary school! First of all, getting around everybody seems to think it's scary walking around school in between lessons. It's not! Within the first couple of weeks I had already memorised all of my classrooms. Also, it's okay if you are a couple of minutes late, teachers will understand that you are just settling in, you won't get told off. There are always older students and teachers around to help, don't be afraid to ask them where your classroom is! They will be happy to help, and will put you in the right direction.

Next is all of the wonderful opportunities in Rushcliffe! There are so many amazing things to do! I have joined lots of the clubs and have got to know loads of people. There are lots of fun lunchtime and after school activities for you to try. As well as that, I have been to a couple sports competitions. Do not be afraid to get involved and join a club! There is no pressure to, but if you want to, go along and have a go! If you don't like it you don't have to go again.

Now I know a lot of you may be worrying about which form you are in. Let me just say, you will make so many new friends. I have met some amazing people in my form that were strangers to me at the start of the year! You might be scared of falling out with your friends, that is totally normal, when you are meeting lots of new people. For some people it may be hard to stay close to your primary school friends when you have made new friends. So I wanted to mention about the PSU. This is a place to go when you have any problems! Whether you have lost a sock, or you have got a problem, the PSU is there to try and support you! No matter if your problem is big or small. Jess in the Year 7 PSU link, she is not scary, so do not worry about talking to her!

The work isn't too hard, some people will worry about LOADS of homework and really SCARY and STRICT teachers! That is not true! The teachers are super nice, and the amount of homework we get is reasonable!

At lunch time, it is really fun! How you pay is really cool! You will have all of your lunch money stored in an account, and when you pay, you use your fingerprint. Cool right? There are so many nice foods, and there are a couple different queues for everybody. Breaks are my favourite, there are some super yummy snacks for you, like sausage rolls, toast, bagels, juice, milkshakes and more!

So overall there isn't much to worry about. It's okay to feel nervous and scared, but that feeling will soon pass, and you'll love Rushcliffe school. So just remember to have fun, and make the most of it!

Hannah

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Oliver 7B

Dear year 6 students,

Following this year, you will be joining Rushcliffe School, where you will continue your academic adventure and discover many new unique skills and abilities. While I am certain that many of you are raring to go, some of you may be feeling slightly nervous, unsettled, or even scared of this big change. Let me assure you that this is completely natural, as I and many of my friends felt the same way. However, there is no need to be frightened as Rushcliffe School is a school that warmly welcomes every pupil, including you, into their new school life. Every member of staff will be by your side, determined to help you flourish. You will be settled in no time at all.

As well as numerous friends that I'm sure you will make and that you will keep from your current school, there are lots of people whom you can talk to if you are feeling worried or upset. These include your form tutor, PSU or any member of staff whom you feel comfortable speaking to.

In conclusion, I am sure you will have a great time at Rushcliffe School, learn new skills you have never had before and get support if you ever need it. We can't wait to have you as our new year sevens.

Oliver

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Naomi 7B

Dear year 6 students,

I am writing to you show you that transitioning into year 7 isn't as scary as it seems!

Although, Covid - 19 has disrupted transitioning into Rushcliffe from your primary school, I really hope you are still able to enjoy being in an environment which is a bit different.

When I moved into year 7 (almost a year ago), I was a mix between really excited and a little bit nervous at the same time... I was excited to make new friends, have some new/different lessons etc. However I was a bit nervous about what to expect. I am sure you will feel the same to start with, but just remember that that will be how everyone feels - it is completely normal and you are not alone.

At first, you will probably think you will never know your way round the school - but of course you will find your way soon! If you cannot find a class do not worry I am sure there will be a teacher or student who can point you in the right direction.

I can guarantee you will love your time at Rushcliffe and will make amazing friends! Take every opportunity you can and make the most of your time at Rushcliffe - I am sure you will be great!

Naomi

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Amy 7C

Hi!

I know moving schools can be scary, but Rushcliffe is amazing. I have learnt so much here, it is unbelievable. To start with, for the first 4 weeks, I got lost going to every lesson. But you learn. By the end of September though, I knew every inch of the school and me and my friends joke all the time about how silly we were about being worried and getting lost. Everyone is friendly and will help if you are lost.

At first, I was worried about friendships, whether I would lose my primary school friends and would I be able to make new friends. But I was. Everyone feels the way you do. And yes, you might lose some friendships, but now your year has 300 people! Think of how many new friends you will be able to make, and how much fun that will be.

Do not worry! Everything is meant to happen for a reason. So, do not be anxious or scared for September, be excited. It's a new journey, and we will help you on your adventure at Rushcliffe school.

Amy

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Jacob 7G

Dear year 6 students,

My name is Jacob. I am a current year 7 student and a form representative of 7G. This time last year I was in the same position as you and had lots of questions in my head about starting Rushcliffe School. Hopefully, this letter will give you some reassurance about what to expect.

Firstly, I would like to say that my experience starting Rushcliffe has been a positive one. Some highlights include: Meeting new friends, playing for the football team, new subjects with different teachers, learning how to cook new things, opportunity to go on a school trip abroad and Walesby team building day.

In addition to all these things above, I enjoy going to EATZ the school canteen. There is a wide variety of food to choose from. It is also a good idea to have a locker, especially on days when you have PE, so you do not have to carry your kit around. If you need any help, advice or support, you can ask your form tutor or go to the Pupil Support Unit.

Once I started Rushcliffe, I never really looked back at my time in year 6. Don't worry in your first week you will be given all the information you need to begin your exciting new adventure at Rushcliffe. Hope this letter gives you some useful information, see you all in September.

Jacob

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Monica 7J

Dear year 6 Students,

You have probably been feeling quite nervous about starting secondary school, especially because of what has happened, but there is nothing to worry about. Year 7 is very fun because of the new subjects you can learn and the new opportunities that you will be given. I have enjoyed meeting new people and making new friends and I'm sure that you will enjoy the year too.

I hope that you have lots of fun in Year 7 and that you enjoy starting your learning at Rushcliffe School!

Monica

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