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Re: Meet the Tutor Team

Dear parents/carers and future Rushcliffe student

I hope this letter finds you safe and well, and that you have been enjoying the recent sunshine. I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with an update on the work we have been doing, and continue to do, so that your transition to Rushcliffe School is as smooth as possible.

This week I have been reading your 'All about me' letters and I am really excited to meet you all. I was overwhelmed by the amount of time and effort many of you must have put into those. As a keen sports person I especially enjoyed reading all about how active each of you are and the sports you enjoy to play. Further to this, I am extremely envious of those students who can or are learning to play musical instruments. Likewise, I hope you have had the chance to read Miss Vale's letter and hopefully feel like you know your Head of Year a little better now. Lastly, it's been a pleasure to read about all the things you are most looking forward to when you arrive, alongside all your summer plans, and I look forward to welcoming you to our community in September.

As I mentioned in my last communication with you, we are working hard behind the scenes to ensure your transition is as smooth as possible. We are currently in the process of arranging visits to the primary schools, so that Miss Vale and I can meet you all and answer any questions you have. During the past few weeks, Miss Vale and I, alongside Mrs Miles (the school SENDCo) and her team, have spoken to or will be speaking to each and every one of your teachers and gathered as much information as possible about you all. This information includes your aptitude for learning, your strengths, areas for development, pupils whom you work well with and any other relevant information that might help us and you during this transition. This has certainly proven very powerful and we all feel this will ensure a comprehensive handover from your primary schools. I certainly feel that with the combination of our communication with your primary school teachers and your letters that I already know many of you and I'm confident that your tutors will feel the same when they receive the information from me. I am also using the information to create your tutor groups. I have attached to this letter the 'Meet the tutor team' booklet. This is a great opportunity for you to get to know some of the tutors and key people in the Year 7 team. One of whom will be your tutor, and you will find out who very soon.

Unfortunately, due to the most recent announcement that there will be a delay in lifting the COVID restrictions we are unable to host our Year 6 transition day on 8th July. We had hoped that we might have been able to modify the event, but that is now not possible. To support with this, we will soon share with you a virtual tour video and other resources. This will be followed up with an opportunity for students to send any generic questions they have or questions specific to the virtual tour. Furthermore, the induction day is usually followed by an induction evening for parents, where they have the opportunity to again meet the school staff and more specifically those involved in the transition process. In place of this, we will host a live virtual event; dates and more specific information on this will be shared next week when we will also send you the 'Parent information pack'.

As we look further ahead to September, we do not currently know how schools will be functioning. However, we do have provisional plans to hold a physical induction process for Year 7s. As we hopefully gather more information in the coming weeks, and with all being well, we can share these plans with you. We will also be providing you with a Rushcliffe transition learning pack where you will have the opportunity to see example timetables and maps of the school so that you can become familiar with them, alongside some enjoyable activities to support you prior to September should you wish to do them.

Hopefully in receiving this update and the future plans for transition, you feel that between now and September you will have had plenty of information and can feel excited about joining Rushcliffe School.

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Yours faithfully



Lyndon Crawley
Assistant Principal

Summary

- Continue to communicate with primary schools – hope to visit the schools soon and meet the students
- Attached is the ‘meet the tutor team’ booklet. This is all the information about our year 7 tutors. In the coming weeks the students will find out who.
- Had to sadly cancel the induction day on 8th July for students. We will explore further ideas and ensure something is in place for September.
- Had to also alter how we envisage doing the induction evening for parents. This will move online and details, date and times will be released soon.

Actions needed by parents/future students:

- Read the ‘meet the tutor’ information.

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