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Dear Parents/Carers

Transition to Newfield School 2022

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones well and that you are excited about your child's transition to Newfield School in September and they are enjoying the last few weeks of their time at Primary School. The Y6 Transition Evening will take place at Newfield on Thursday 30 June from 5.00pm to 7.00pm and we look forward to seeing you there.

Tutor Group

We are pleased to inform you that your child will be in the following Tutor Group;

Tutor Group: Form Tutor Name(s):

Learning at Newfield School

I write to you this week to give you a flavour of what learning will be like at Newfield School. Newfield is a high performing school because our pupils are curious and have a thirst for knowledge. Our lessons are expertly led by our knowledgeable staff; they will model for students the key information they need to know and how to apply it before giving them time to show the powerful knowledge they have gained. Teachers will regularly question what they know and will build in time to revisit the learning they have acquired before. We use cold-calling at Newfield school; this is where any pupil is given the opportunity to answer a question which ensures all pupils can showcase their knowledge to the teacher and allows them to address all misconceptions.

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Our students will follow all of the traditional English Baccalaureate subjects like Mathematics, English, Science, Spanish, History and Geography as well as our creative suite of subjects Drama, Art, Music and Design Technology. Computing, Ethics and PE complete our full broad curriculum in Year 7. It is important to us that pupils have the opportunity to study a wide range of subjects when they start at Newfield School as we have pupils who go on to a wide variety of future pathways. It could be going to Oxford or Cambridge, studying medicine or looking at careers in construction or ICT – Achievement Leads to Opportunity and Choice.

In addition to the curriculum above, we have 25 hours spread across the year which have a focus on personal development. Themes will include: Democracy, Healthy Relationships, Sex Education, Equality and Diversity.

Communication

One of the most important aspects of your child being at Newfield School is communication. We use Edulink One which is both an App that can be downloaded to your phone or tablet and a website (just type Edulink One into a search engine). A letter is enclosed detailing your login username and instructions on how to access Edulink One. Your Edulink password will be sent out in a separate letter for security reasons. It is vital that **all parents** can access Edulink One as it will be how we send letters, reports and communicate important messages to our families. During the Transition Evening on 30 June, we will be demonstrating Edulink One. Therefore, we would ask that you download Edulink access prior to this event.

Reading at Newfield School

Miss Yeomans is the Head of English at Newfield School. Just like everybody else at Newfield, she is really looking forward to meeting you in September! She is especially excited to be sharing with you some of the very best Literature ever written during your five years at Newfield.

Reading is a central part of the school day at Newfield; we recognise that reading helps to develop vocabulary, build knowledge that is useful across the curriculum and is beneficial to the mental health of each of our students. As part of their everyday equipment that they must bring to school, each student will bring a reading book. This year, for the first time, we would like to gift all students a reading book on their first day at Newfield!

Below is a list of the available books with descriptions to help support the decision on which book students would like to receive in September. Please return the reply slip or email agoss@newfield.sheffield.sch.uk with your child's name and book choice.

The Bone Sparrow, Zana Fraillon

Synopsis: Subhi was born in a refugee camp and is yet to experience the world that exists beyond the fence. Each night, Subhi imagines the sea visits the tent and brings treasures. One day, the sea brings a new friend called Jimmie.

Try this if... you like a realistic story and reading about people's and experiences.
Similar to: 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas', John Boyne

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Swallows and Amazons, Arthur Ransome

Synopsis: In this adventurous tale, the Walker children set sail on their boat, Swallow, to Wild Cat Island where they are excited to camp, swim and fish for their dinner. However, when they arrive on the island, two fierce Amazon pirates challenge them to war.

Try this if... you enjoy action and adventure and are interested in a reading a classic.

Similar to: 'The Famous Five', Enid Blyton and 'Treasure Island', Robert Louis Stevenson

The Giver, Lois Lowry

Synopsis: It is the future. There is no war, no hunger, no pain. No one in the community wants for anything. Everything needed is provided. And at twelve years old, each member of the community has their profession carefully chosen for them by the Committee of Elders. Jonas has never thought there was anything wrong with his world. But from the moment he is selected as the Receiver of Memory, Jonas discovers that their community is not as perfect as it seems.

Try this if... you enjoy a dystopian story set in the future.

Similar to: 'Divergent', Veronica Roth and 'The Hunger Games', Suzanne Collins

Charlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows, Ryan Calejo

Synopsis: Thanks to his *abuela's* stories, Charlie possesses an almost encyclopedic knowledge of the monsters and ghouls who have spent the last five hundred years haunting the imaginations of children all across the Iberian Peninsula, as well as Central and South America. But when Charlie begins to experience freaky bodily manifestations—ones all too similar to those described by his grandma in his favorite legend—he is suddenly swept up in a world where the mythical beings he's spent his entire life hearing about seem to be walking straight out of the pages of Hispanic folklore and into his life.

Try this if... you enjoy reading about myths and legends.

Similar to: 'The Lightning Thief', Percy Jackson

Alongside buying each student a reading book, we will also provide each student with a calculator and a pencil case with all the equipment they need. We are committed to ensuring your child has the best chance of success at Newfield School.

We look forward to seeing you in September.

Yours faithfully



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