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Dear Parents and Carers

### Head of Lower School Welcome

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones well. Both myself, Mrs Otley and Mrs Thorpe (Heads of Year 7) would like to take this opportunity in extending a warm welcome to the Newfield School community. I hope your child is looking forward to this very exciting new chapter in their education.

I have been at Newfield School for a number of years in various roles culminating in my current position as Head of Lower School. I have seen the school go through a huge transformation over the years; we are now an oversubscribed educational establishment with families both from our local community and further afield who aspire to attend our wonderful school.

At Newfield School we pride ourselves on the exceptional quality of pastoral care and support given to all our students by an experienced pastoral and form tutor team. We are committed to safeguarding and protecting all students in our care and we aim to create an environment where students feel valued, listened to and safe and where their self-esteem is always promoted.

During your child's time within Lower School (Year 7 and Year 8), there will be a number of opportunities to enhance their life-skills and experiences through a number of activities which are linked to the Newfield School Diploma as well as making their expected academic progress.

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These activities include completing part of the Monsal Trail, workshops with Sheffield Hallam University, Light Cinema Visit to watch the film Wonder, Halloween and Masquerade Balls and a Summer expedition around Derwent Valley. This list is not exhaustive but shows our commitment to providing a well-rounded education for all children who are welcomed into our school community.

### **Form Tutor Personalised Message – 7C**

Hello Year 7s, my name is Mr Loxley and I am really looking forward to welcoming you to Newfield school. I am the Data Manager at Newfield school and have been here for over 7 years. The school is wonderfully inclusive, very warm and welcoming and a fantastic place to be. I know you will all be nervous and excited about the very big transition to secondary school, but myself and all the staff will be here to help you every step of the way. When I am not managing data, I have real interests in reading, football, art, music and spending time with my family. I hope you have a brilliant summer and look forward to seeing you all in September. Mr Loxley

Nelson Mandela once said that 'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world and that 'I never lose, I either win or learn'. On those poignant words, I would like to say have a wonderful summer and we at Newfield School all look forward to seeing you on our transition days on Thursday 30 June and Friday 1 July and Friday 2 September for the Year 7 Induction Day.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K Wildes', written in a cursive style with a large loop at the end.

**K Wildes**  
**Head of Lower School**  
**Newfield School**