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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 – 7F**

Hello Year 6 - my name is Mr James. I, like you, will be starting at Newfield School in September and I will be extremely excited to meet and get to know you in my time as your form tutor. I am a teacher of Design and Technology and I love being creative, so I look forward to seeing your creative sides. I can completely understand if you are nervous but there is no need to be as I will be here to help and support you in succeeding throughout your academic life and fulfilling your potential. Mr James

Hello Year 7 - Welcome to Newfield School! My name is Mrs Rawling and I am really looking forward to meeting you and helping you settle into Newfield School. It is a lovely, welcoming school community with lots of caring members of staff and students to help you as you get used to secondary school. I know that you might be nervous as well as excited about starting but I have worked here for 7 years and am ready to help support you and answer your questions. I teach History and love teaching and learning about the past. I also love being in the countryside, making cakes and spending time with my family and friends. I hope that you have a wonderful summer and I am looking forward to meeting you! Mrs Rawling

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**