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Dear Parents and Carers

### **Head of Lower School Welcome**

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones well. Mr Marriott and I (joint Heads of Lower School) and Mr Beaumont (Head of Year 7) would like to take this opportunity in extending a warm welcome to the Newfield School community to you and your child. I hope your child is looking forward to this very exciting new chapter in their education.

Mr Marriott and I have been at Newfield School for a number of years in various roles, culminating in our current positions as joint Heads of Lower School. We have seen the school go through a huge transformation over the years; we are now an oversubscribed educational establishment with families from both 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.

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## Form Tutor Personalised Message – 7B

Hello Year 6. My name is Mr Sharples. I'm very much looking forward to welcoming you to Newfield School and to help you settle in as your Form Tutor. I have taught at Newfield for the last 22 years, (twice your lifetime so far!). As such, I may well have taught older brothers and sisters if you have them, I may even have taught your parents!

Newfield is a very warm, welcoming, and safe school, where you will get fantastic learning opportunities over the next 5 years. My job is to support you in the change to Secondary school and to be there to help you when needed. I may well also end up teaching some of you Maths. I love working at Newfield and I'm very proud of our school. I can't wait for you to join our fantastic community.

Mr Sharples

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

These activities include completing part of the Monsal trial, workshops with Sheffield Hallam University, Light Cinema Visit to watch the film Wonder, Halloween, and Masquerade Balls and hopefully, a summer History/Geography expedition trip around Castleton. 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.

For the Transition Days, on Wednesday 5 July, students will need to arrive at Newfield School for **9.00am** and on Thursday 6 July they will need to arrive at **8.30am**. On both days, students should bring a packed lunch, snack and drinks.

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, we would like to say have a wonderful summer and we are looking forward to seeing your child on our transition days on Wednesday 5 July and Thursday 6 July and Tuesday 5 September for the Year 7 only Induction Day.

Yours faithfully



**Mr K Wildes/ O Marriott**  
**Joint Head of Lower School**



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