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Dear Parents and Carers

Transition to Newfield School 2024

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones well, that your child is excited about their transition to Newfield School in September and they are enjoying the last few weeks of their time at Primary School.

Tutor Group

I am 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 would like to give you a flavour of what learning will be like at Newfield School. Newfield is a high performing school because our students 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 students know and will build in time to regularly revisit the learning they have acquired before. We use cold calling at Newfield school; this is where any student is given the opportunity to answer a question which ensures all students can showcase their knowledge to the teacher and allows them to address all misconceptions.

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Our students will follow all 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 students have the opportunity to study a wide range of subjects when they start at Newfield School, as we have students 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.

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). You should have already received your Edulink login information. 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. Please ensure you log into Edulink and update your personal information. If you have not received your Edulink login details, please email mloxley@newfield.sheffield.sch.uk

Reading at Newfield School

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

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 our students' mental health. At primary school, your child will have excellent routines around reading, including reading daily, and we strive to continue these habits at Newfield School due to the many benefits. As part of the everyday equipment that students must bring to school, they will all bring a reading book. To welcome you to Newfield School, we would like to gift all students a reading book on their first day!

On the following page 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 to school or email agoss@newfield.sheffield.sch.uk with your child's name and book choice.

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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 and experiences.

Similar to: 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas', John Boyne, 'The Promise', Eva Schloss and Barbara Power

Twitch, M. G. Leonard

Synopsis: Twitch has a passion for birdwatching. On the first day of the summer holidays, he learns that a convicted robber has escaped prison. Twitch attempts to use his birdwatching talents to outwit the escaped convict. This is the first book in a series.

Try this if... you enjoy mystery and adventure.

Similar to: 'Dark Peak', Marcus Sedgwick and 'Skandar and the Chaos Trials', A. F. Steadman

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 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

The Hobbit, J. R. R. Tolkien

Synopsis: This classic bestseller is a story that has stood the test of time! Bilbo Baggins is a hobbit who enjoys a comfortable, albeit unambitious, life in his hobbit-hole in Bag End. However, the great wizard, Gandalf, and a company of dwarves arrive one day and take Bilbo on an adventure to raid the treasure of Smaug the Magnificent, a large and very dangerous dragon.

Try this if... you enjoy magical adventure and fantasy worlds.

Similar to: 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone', J. K. Rowling, 'The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy', Douglas Adams

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Alongside buying each student a reading book, we will also provide each student with a pencil case with all the equipment they need should they require it. Students will need to provide one of the approved scientific calculators and this should be brought to school every day. The approved calculators do significantly more than other models and teachers' understanding of these models means students can be taught to use them well. The following calculators can be purchased, however please note that the Casio-fx-83GTX has now been superseded by the Casio fx-85GTCW. The Casio fx-83GTX will still be acceptable for use in school.



Casio fx-85GTCW
Available from school website



Casio-fx-83GTX

The Casio fx-85GTCW is available to purchase through school and this can be done by accessing the School Shop on the school website on the Parents tab. Please remember to add your child's name and Tutor/Reg Group on your order. Calculators ordered through the School Shop will be issued to students in September.

ParentPay

Please find enclosed a letter regarding ParentPay. This letter includes your ParentPay username and instructions on how to log onto ParentPay. Please note, for security reasons, your password will be sent separately. You do not need to log into ParentPay to use the School Shop.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Dawson'.

Mr S Dawson
Deputy Headteacher