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Dear Parents and Carers

Director of Year 7 and Year 8 Welcome

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones well. Mrs Otley (Head of Year 7) and I (Director of Year 7 and Year 8) would like to take this opportunity in extending a warm welcome to the Newfield School community to you and your child. I hope they are 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 Director of Year 7 and Year 8. I 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 – 7A

Hello wonderful children. My name is Mr Faulkner and I am looking forward to meeting you all and watching you succeed here at Newfield. As your form tutor, I will be here to support and guide you through the next 5 years. I will be a consistent smiley face that you will see every morning in form time. I know some of you may be a little worried, but I promise I will do my best to get you all settled in without any problems. As well as being your form tutor, I am Head of Film and Photography and I love being creative. I have been here at Newfield for 12 years and you will be my third form that has gone through school with me, so you are in very experienced hands. Outside of school, I enjoy walking my dog, playing computer games but most of all I like American Football.

Form Tutor Personalised Message – 7B

Hello Year 6. My name is Miss Haywood and I will be your form tutor when you join our Newfield community. Newfield is a wonderfully inclusive school, and we are really excited to welcome you all. My role as your form tutor is to support you in making the most out of your days at Newfield and I will always be here to help with any concerns or worries you may have. As well as being your form tutor, I may also be your maths teacher. When I am not teaching, I enjoy playing netball and getting outside for a cycle or a run. I hope you all have a fantastic summer holiday and I look forward to getting to know you all in September.

Form Tutor Personalised Message – 7C

Welcome, Year 6 students, to Newfield School! My name is Mr Mahmood, and I am thrilled to be your form tutor starting this September. Together, we will embark on an exciting journey at Newfield. In addition to being your form tutor, I may also be your Maths teacher. I have been teaching Mathematics for over 20 years, with 9 of those years here at Newfield School. I understand that starting at a new school can be a bit nerve-wracking, but there is no need to worry. Our school boasts amazing teachers across all departments, who are dedicated to helping you achieve your best, both academically and pastorally. Outside of teaching, I have various hobbies that I enjoy. I love watching sports like football, cricket, and UFC. I also enjoy watching films, playing card games, and watching my koi carp fish grow. Have a fantastic summer, and get ready to become a part of this truly special school. I look forward to meeting you all and sharing this wonderful experience together.

Form Tutor Personalised Message – 7D

Hello Y6! My name is Ms Wright and I am really looking forward to welcoming you to Newfield School. As well as being your form teacher, I am also the Head of Modern Languages. I hope that you are excited about all that awaits you at secondary school – new friends, new school subjects and new clubs/groups that you may want to join. Whatever your aspirations, Newfield is a fantastic school. I will be here to help and support you with getting to know your way around and becoming familiar with all the new people and routines. The teachers here are very friendly and will help you to settle in quickly. I am looking forward to learning more about you in September. Have a great summer holiday!

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Form Tutor Personalised Message – 7E

Hello, I am Miss Porter and I teach History. I am very much looking forward to welcoming you to Newfield school. I have worked here for nearly twenty years now, so I know the school well and am sure we can help you fit in quickly and feel happy and safe here. I am very proud of the school I work at. The teachers are great and care very much for students and part of my job is be there if you need any help or advice. I am very keen on being outdoors and enjoy nothing better than a long walk or a session in my garden. I also have an allotment where I grow my own fruit and vegetables. We also have a gardening club at Newfield that you might want to join, or perhaps, there are sports clubs or creative activities that you want to be a part of. Whatever you enjoy, I hope you will find something at Newfield to be a part of.

Hello Y6 students, and a very warm welcome to Newfield! Our school is a special place and I am sure you will be made to feel as welcome as I did when I started to work here 5 years ago. My name is Ms Renwick and I will look forward to seeing you every morning as you start your exciting journey through secondary school and beyond. It will fly past, so make every second count. I teach art and in my spare time, I take photos and draw from these. I love the outdoors and go rock climbing in my spare time to beautiful and wild places. I hope you too find your passion here, and get to nurture it both inside and outside of school. I can't wait to meet you and find out what kind of person you would like to be. See this journey as a fresh start, which is a brilliant opportunity. Have a lovely summer.

Form Tutor Personalised Message – 7F

Hi Y6, a warm welcome to all of you. My name is Mr Quartermaine and I will be your form tutor at Newfield School. I have been teaching maths at Newfield for 12 years, so I know the school well and will be able to help you to settle in quickly. I know you will be excited and maybe a little nervous, but rest assured the school is a great place to learn with lots of great teachers who care passionately about their students. As well as teaching maths, I run the Newfield Eco-Committee which organises many activities like litter picks and pen recycling to name a few. Outside of school I love reading, cycling and walking, and spending time with my family. I am really excited to meet you all and find out all about you. Have a fantastic summer.

Hello Y6! Welcome to Newfield School! My name is Ms Gould and I am delighted to be your new form tutor. I have been at Newfield School for 7 years as a teacher of Design and Technology and the lead for Food Technology. I love being creative and have a real passion for teaching my subject. I also run extra curricular activities such as Textiles and Food club. I am sure you are all excited to discover the range of subjects taught and extra activities offered at Newfield School. Throughout my time here, I have been a dedicated form tutor and I can honestly say it is one of my highlights of the job! As your form tutor, it is my duty to support you every step of the way on your journey through secondary education. You may feel nervous about transitioning to secondary school, I however, I can assure you that Newfield School has a warm, friendly and supportive community of staff and students. I am sure you will all grow to love the place, just like I have. I am excited to meet you all and getting to know you all as individuals. Hope you all have a wonderful summer break, see you in September!

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Form Tutor Personalised Message – 7G

Hello future Year 7s, and welcome to Newfield School! My name is Ms Polak and I cannot wait to meet you all. As your form tutor, I will be here to greet you every morning and support you in any way that I can whilst you first settle into Newfield and beyond. As well as being your form tutor, I also teach History and hope to be teaching some of you next year. When I am not teaching, I love being outdoors and often head to the Peak District for a walk. I also adore animals (dogs in particular!) and watching live music. I am really looking forward to finding out more about your interests and hobbies and helping you to discover new ones during your time at Newfield. Please don't be nervous about starting your secondary education – Newfield is a lovely school. The teachers are fantastic and really care about their students. Have a lovely summer break and see you in September!

Hello,

My name is Mrs Thornely, and I am really looking forward to meeting you all. I know that starting a new school can feel scary, but Newfield is very friendly, and I promise you will settle in quickly. There are so many different activities to join in with, that you are sure to find something you love. In the ten years I have worked here, I have taught both Ethics and History, so I love talking about different opinions and finding out about the past. Outside of school, I really enjoy reading, going on holiday, and eating cake. My youngest son will be starting Year 7 at another Sheffield school in September, so I will definitely understand any worries you might have about changing schools. Have a brilliant break over the summer and I will see you in September.

Form Tutor Personalised Message – 7H

Hello my wonderful, future form! My name is Miss Brown and I will be your friendly form tutor in September when you begin your 5 year journey with us at Newfield School! I have taught geography at Newfield for 8 years and have been a form tutor to two amazing forms, but I have a strong feeling that you guys might just be my best form yet! I imagine that you are quite nervous to start secondary school, especially because it is so big in comparison to your primary school and full of older students! Don't worry, my job is to look after you and to help you feel safe and happy here. So focus on being excited about this big adventure, and I will make sure that you are ready to succeed and achieve great things day in, day out. I cannot wait to meet you after the summer holidays and to get to know each and every one of you! See you soon,

Hi Year 6, I cannot wait to meet you, my name is Mr Donnelly and I would like to welcome you to your new school and form. I have been at Newfield School for nearly 30 years and have seen many a student come and go; some may be your parents! The school is wonderfully inclusive, very warm, and welcoming and a fantastic place to be. I am a teacher of PE, so as you might appreciate, I follow all kinds of sports and play a lot of them myself. I look forward to finding out what interests you all have. Together, with Miss Brown, as your new form tutor, I will be the friendly face that you see each morning that will be on hand to guide you through your time at Newfield. I know you will all be nervous and excited about the transition to secondary school, but myself and all the staff will be here to help you every step of the way.

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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 trail, workshops with Sheffield Hallam University, Light Cinema Visit to watch the film Wonder, Halloween, and Masquerade Balls as well as numerous clubs and subject related activities. 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 3 July** and **Thursday 4 July** students will need to arrive at Newfield School for **8.30am** and head to the dining room via the student entrance. Students should wear their primary school uniform (trainers on the Wednesday) bring a packed lunch, snack and drinks, which are free from nuts.

On the evening of Wednesday 3 July, we have our information evening for parents and carers to attend, which will involve a welcome from our Headteacher, Mrs Anderson, and other sessions based on our curriculum and other key aspects of our school. Sessions start at 5.00pm until 6.30pm, but doors open from 4.30pm for drop-in sessions with either myself, members of our SEND team, Student Services Manager (who is able to discuss attendance, free school meals and any medical needs) and our EAL Coordinator, for families where English is an additional language.

Our uniform supplier Pinders will join us on 3 July, to allow you to order our school uniform or check sizes. Please note there is one change to our PE uniform where we now have a more durable and breathable top, which we would like our Y7 students to wear from September.

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 am looking forward to seeing your child on our transition days on Wednesday 3 July and Thursday 4 July and Tuesday 3 September for the Year 7 Induction Day. Have a lovely summer when it comes.

Yours faithfully



Mr O Marriott
Director of Year 7 and Year 8

