



13th May 2020

Dear parents/carers and students,

Welcome to Sandringham – your new school.

I would like to welcome you to Sandringham and I am sure this will be the start of a wonderful period in your lives. Secondary school is incredibly exciting, challenging and rewarding and you will join many thousands of children who have been educated at the school.

This letter is the first of four contacts we will be making with you in the lead up to starting in September.

The process of preparing for starting at Sandringham began a month ago, with Mr. Kemp contacting all feeder schools to gather information on our new year 7 students.

Under normal circumstances, we would have met with each student during our primary visits. Since this is not possible, the transition process has been adjusted to ensure that your experience is at least as good as previous year groups, and that you feel welcomed and prepared for the start of secondary school.

We are not sure yet whether there will be a transition day on Thursday 9th July although the announcement this week suggests that with year 6 back at school, we may be able to continue with transition day. If this does not happen, our contingency is to hold the induction day on Thursday 3rd September 2020 before all other students return. However, before then you will have had plenty of time to get prepared for the new start and we are confident you will not miss out on anything.

To help get us started, I have recorded a welcome message for you all that can be watched by following this link

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DBosurHg7bQlBJR6Mu4H6DsQHHjHhHc/view?usp=sharing>

Over the next few weeks there will be more communications to look out for, as follows:

All about me survey: from Monday 18th May

Mr Kemp will be contacting students with a welcome message from the pastoral team and a 'All about me' survey for them to complete. This replaces the visits we would have had with students in their schools. Please take time to complete this important survey, because we will use the information to help construct tutor groups as well as making other important decisions for your start at the school.



Summer activities: from Monday 1st June

In the first week after the half term holiday, the Performance Director for year 7 will be in contact with a welcome message from them, and information on summer activities for students to complete.

Induction Pack: from Monday 22nd June

During this week, you will be e-mailed a full induction pack containing key information for starting, and a list of tutor group allocations.

The most important thing for us is that you have all the information you require to make the transition and that you are well prepared for the move from your junior schools.

I am looking forward to meeting you all in September.

With best wishes

Mr. Gray
Headteacher.

