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25th May 2022

Dear Student / Parent / Carer



I am writing to let you know how much I enjoyed meeting with your sons and daughters last week in their primary schools. It was fantastic to be able to run through the Netherhall School Induction booklet with them in person and have the opportunity to address any questions the students had in relation to their transition to our excellent school this autumn. It was a great pleasure to meet with your sons and daughters once again and we are all very much looking forward to our new year 7 students joining us in record numbers this autumn!

In terms of the next stage of our transition plans, I have been working with our feeder primary schools to plan initial 2-hour transition visits to Netherhall School in the weeks beginning Monday 20th June and Monday 27th June, where students will enjoy 2 taster lessons with us and begin to familiarise themselves with their new school. The visits are scheduled to take place as follows:

W/B Monday 20th June

Monday 20th June – Our Lady and St Patrick's Catholic Primary School and St Gregory's Catholic Primary School - 9.45am-11.30am.

Tuesday 21st June – Broughton Moor Primary School and Crosscanonby St John's C of E School – 9.45am-11.45am.

Thursday 23rd June – Maryport Junior School and Oughterside Primary School – 1.00pm-3.00pm.

W/B Monday 27th June

Monday 27th June – Flimby Primary School – 1.00pm-2.50pm.

Tuesday 28th June – Allonby Primary School, Blennerhasset Primary School, Bridekirk Dovenby Primary School and Richmond Hill Primary School – 9.45am-11.45am.

Wednesday 29th June – Ewanrigg Junior School – 9.45am-11.45am.

Wednesday 29th June – Dearham Primary School – 1.00pm-2.30pm.

TBC - Victoria Junior School.

Following our initial taster visits, our full open day and evening will take place on Tuesday, 5th July. The open day for our new year 7 students will take place from 8.30am to 3.00pm, while the open evening for students and parents will take place between 5.00-8.00pm that day; this will provide all parents with the opportunity to meet their child's new year 7 tutor, along with many other members of staff.

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I will be in touch again following the half term break with the finalised plans for the pupils' initial visit to Netherhall School, along with further information in relation to the summer school that we will be running again this year between Monday 15th and Friday 26th August from 10.00am to 2.30pm each day. Attendance at the summer school will, of course, be voluntary and students can attend as many or as few of the sessions as they wish.

A couple of final items in this update letter are to provide you with an attachment link to the most recent edition of our <u>Netherhall School Newsletter</u> which will go live on Friday 27th May; I hope you will all enjoy reading this excellent publication which will give you all a flavour of the many opportunities that lie ahead for your sons and daughters from September. I would also like to politely request that those parents and carers who have not yet completed the two online forms that we sent out for completion in April could now do so: 1) The 'Netherhall School Permissions Pack' and 2) Our 'Year 6 Data Collection Form.'

- 1) Link to 'Netherhall School Permissions Pack'
- 2) Link to 'Year 6 Data Collection Form'

I would like to close by passing on my very best wishes to you and your families ahead of the half term break. We are all looking forward to welcoming our record intake of new year 7 students to Netherhall School for their taster visits in June and for the full open day in July. In the meantime, if you have any queries, then please do not hesitate to get in contact with me by email at m.bailey@netherhall.cumbria.sch.uk. Any parents who have any specific queries concerning their child's special educational needs and the support that will be offered during our extended transition programme for SEN students, you are more than welcome to contact our SENCO, Mrs Beverly Johnstone at b.johnstone@netherhall.cumbria.sch.uk We will both be delighted to offer any support we can at this stage to support your child's smooth transition to Netherhall School this year.

Yours faithfully

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