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24th May 2023

Dear Student / Parent / Carer



I am writing to let you know how much I have enjoyed meeting with your sons and daughters over the last couple of weeks in their own primary schools, when I was able to run through the Netherhall School Induction Booklet and 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 excellent numbers once again 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 19th June and Monday 26th June (with the exception of Our Lady and St Patrick's students who will visit us this week), where students will enjoy 2 taster lessons with us and begin to familiarise themselves with their new school. The students will be brought to Netherhall School by their own primary school teachers on the day of their visit, which are scheduled to take place as follows:

Thursday 25th May: Our Lady and St Patrick's Catholic Primary School - 12.30pm-2.10pm.

W/B Monday 19th June

Monday 19th June – Allonby Primary School, Flimby Primary School and Oughterside Primary School – 12.30pm-2.10pm.

Wednesday 21st June – Broughton Moor Primary School and Ewanrigg Junior School – 10.00am-11.40am.

W/B Monday 26th June

Monday 26th June – Maryport Junior School and Holme St Cuthbert Primary School – 1.30pm-2.50pm.

Tuesday 27th June – Crosscanonby St John Primary School–8.55am-10.50am.

Friday 30th June - Dearham Primary School - 10.00am-11.40am.

Following our initial taster visits, our full open day and evening will take place on Wednesday, 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.

I will be in touch again following the half term break with a reminder of the 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, which will take place between Monday 14th and Friday 25th 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.

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A couple of extra 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 26th 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 March 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 <u>'Year 6 Data Collection Form'</u>

Finally, it is with great pleasure that I write to let you know that we are currently in the process of arranging a couple of gifts to welcome your son or daughter to Netherhall School. We have already ordered a new delivery of the famous Netherhall School bobble hats for our new year 7 students, and we are also in the process of arranging for Netherhall School branded school coats to be available for the students. To assist us with our orders, we would very much appreciate if you could complete the attached link to select the size of jacket you would like to order for your child. The school jackets will also be available to view on the attached link and both of these items will, of course, be free of charge to our new students. View the champion rain jacket here.

Link to order your child's Netherhall School jacket.

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 new intake of year 7 students to Netherhall School for their taster visits in June and 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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