

Netherhall School

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19th March 2021

Dear Student / Parent / Carer

Firstly, thank you for choosing Netherhall School for your child's secondary school education; we are very much looking forward to your son / daughter joining us in what are again record numbers this year, with our September 2021 intake further building on our excellent recruitment to year 7 this year, and being the largest intake to the school in almost 20 years!

I am writing to you today to give you an early update on our plans for the transition of your child to Netherhall School ahead of the new academic year from September 2021. I fully appreciate that this will be an anxious time for our young people, which will undoubtedly have been exacerbated by the current pandemic and social distancing measures. It is therefore of the utmost importance that we communicate regularly to inform you of our plans to aid your son or daughter's transition to Netherhall School this year.

In recent weeks, I have attended 3 online meetings with members of the Cumbria LEA to discuss plans for this year's transition to secondary school and am currently liaising with all of our partner primary schools to gather as much background information as possible to assist your son or daughter in their transition to Netherhall School in September. The information provided to me by your child's primary school will help to ensure your child is placed in the correct teaching classes, form tutor group and that we have accommodated their friends; this also includes any other factors that we need to take into consideration. Like you, our aim is for all students to have a positive, productive and enjoyable experience of joining Netherhall School.

It is our full intention to hold a normal and in-person visit to your child's primary school later this year. It is also our full intention to organise an in-person transition day to Netherhall School for your child in July, and for there to be the opportunity to host a full open evening for parents on the evening of your son or daughter's transition day, so that you are able to meet your child's future form teacher and have a full tour of the school. Our plans currently are, of course, subject to the country's progress against the pandemic, but we are extremely hopeful that we will be able to provide this excellent opportunity for you all this year.

The most important aspect of our transition work at the current time is to reassure and support both students and parents with the transition to Netherhall School and the first stage of this will be to virtually meet all students in year 6 who will be joining us in September. I am currently contacting all of our primary transition teachers to organise for this to take place shortly after the Easter break. I will also send out Information packs to students and parents following the Easter break to assist in the smooth transition to Netherhall School; these will include all of the required information on the school day, lunch time and uniform arrangements amongst other key information.

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I would like to close by passing on my very best wishes to you and your families and will be in contact regarding an update on our transition arrangements in the coming weeks. We are very much looking forward to meeting you all in person and to welcoming your son or daughter to Netherhall School later this year and will be in contact shortly with our proposed in-person transition arrangements. If you have any queries prior to this, then please do not hesitate to get in contact with me by email at m.bailey@netherhall.cumbria.sch.uk while any parents who have any specific initial queries concerning their child's special educational needs and the support that will be offered in this respect prior to our beginning the extended transition programme for SEN students are most 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

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher

'Staff and pupils say, without question, the Headteacher has been an inspiration, giving them the belief that all can achieve. Throughout his tenure, the Headteacher has demonstrated passion, integrity and highly skilled leadership. The school has been transformed in a remarkably short period of time.'

Ofsted, 2018

'Pupils are enthusiastic about learning and teachers are enthusiastic about teaching. Pupils love coming to school.'

Ofsted, 2018

'Pupils have considerable respect for their teachers because they believe their teachers are doing a great job.'

Ofsted, 2018

'Relationships throughout the school are excellent. There is mutual respect between adults and pupils.'

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'Pupils are proud of their school.'

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