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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 September 2020 Admission

We are delighted that your child has been allocated a place in Year 7 at North Huddersfield Trust School for September 2020.

Please allow me to briefly introduce myself. I have been Headteacher here since May 2019 having worked in education since 1995 when I began my career as an English teacher. I worked in five schools prior to NHTS, the most recent of which was as Deputy Head in a large Rochdale secondary school. Since my appointment, I have found our school to be an extremely happy, caring and nurturing environment in which students can develop and thrive. The quality of pastoral care is recognised to be a significant strength and we are confident that academic outcomes will show substantial improvements in the near future. The senior leadership of the school is almost entirely new and includes a recent expansion as we create the capacity to cater for increased student numbers. There have also been key appointments in the leadership of English and science and I will be appointing lead practitioners to help ensure the quality of teaching and learning matches the ambitions we hold for all our students.

Over the coming weeks and months, we will be working closely with our primary school colleagues to gather all necessary information in making your child's transition to high school a smooth and enjoyable one.

Given the current Covid-19 pandemic and the fact that schools are shut to the majority of students, we are unable to confirm details of the transition days that we normally run. The national transition day is calendared for Tuesday 7 July and, should the situation allow, this will be a chance for all new Year 7 students to spend a day at North Huddersfield Trust School, where they will sample a flavour of what to expect in September and meet members of staff and other students. In previous years, we have run a second transition day and an open evening for the families of our new intake. Again, with the current situation, none of this can be confirmed. Rest assured, all these opportunities for familiarisation and the gathering of information will be provided in full, even if we have to wait until later in the year to do so.

In the meantime, Mr Collins – Assistant Headteacher for Student Experience – will be contacting colleagues at our partner primary schools to gather information on your child. He will also contact our new Year 7 students directly so that we can begin to piece together a profile of the newest members of our school community. Please expect a postcard to arrive within the next couple of weeks!

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I hope you are coping well with the current situation and that you and your family are all safe and in good health. I look forward to meeting you in the near future and will keep you updated as soon as we have any further details of specific arrangements in relation to transition. As indicated above, whilst the current restrictions are in place, we are limited in our means of communication.

Should you have any further questions, please email our office email account:  
office@nhtschool.co.uk.

Your faithfully

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