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Dear Parent/Carer

WELCOME TO HELSBY HIGH SCHOOL!

We are delighted to see that your child is on the list of students we will welcome to Helsby High School in September 2019.

We are proud of the achievements of our students both in terms of examination results and their other wider successes. We receive regular praise from parents and students for the quality of individual support that we are able to give and the broad range of opportunities available to young people of all talents and abilities.

We aim to ensure that the transition process from primary to high school runs as smoothly as possible and minimises any disruption or anxiety for you and your child. In order that this is the case there are a number of 'stages' to the transition process, as outlined below:

- A visit to the primary school by our Assistant Headteacher Ms Simmonds, Special Educational Needs Coordinator and Year 7 Buddies to speak to Year 6 students and the Year 6 teacher (March - May 2019)
- If your child is coming from out of catchment, there will be a welcome morning on 17 May 2019
- As part of their continued community work PCSO Flanagan and PCSO Dudley are involved in the transition process. There will be an opportunity for a question and answer session about specific topics including E-Safety.
- A selected cohort of Year 6 students will be invited to attend our JIGSAW project (June 2019)
- Year 7 Parents and Students Induction Evenings on 9 **or** 10 July 2019 (depending on the Form Group into which your child is put)
- Year 7 Induction Days at Helsby High School on 11 and 12 July 2019
- Year 7 Pastoral Evening in early October 2019

You will receive further information about each of these events as appropriate and we look forward to welcoming your child and yourselves to the school. In the meantime, please find enclosed with this letter details about the school uniform and the admission form. Please could you return these to school as soon as possible either by post, in person or via email to year7admin@helsbyhigh.org.uk by Monday 15 April 2019.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Year 6 Newsletter written by Year 7 Buddies and supported by Year 11 Student Leaders. They have really enjoyed working together to design and create an informative document for Year 6 to read.

You may like to keep up to date with information on celebrations, events and news at Helsby High School. An excellent way of doing this is via our school website and social media pages on Facebook and Twitter. We also have a designated page on our website for transition, this can be accessed here: www.helsbyhigh.org.uk/key-stage-2-3-transition/

If you have any concerns or queries regarding your child and his/her transition to the school, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Stickels, Year 7 Admin Support on 01928 723551 or via email year7admin@helsbyhigh.org.uk who will arrange for you to speak to an appropriate member of staff.

We look forward to working with you to ensure your child's success throughout this next phase in their education.

Yours faithfully



M Hill
Headteacher