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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Your child

On behalf of the whole community at Helsby High School, I would like to welcome you to the school and I am delighted that your child will be joining us in September 2019. We look forward to working in partnership with you over the next five years, or seven years if your child stays on into the Sixth Form.

All new students and staff experience a very warm welcome from the talented, hardworking school community. We are very proud of the many achievements of our young people. We have an ethos which encourages all to enjoy and achieve, not only academically, but also through a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities. We encourage all our young people to develop confidence and wider skills (such as working with others; communication; teamwork; solving problems), which means when our students move on to the next stage in their lives, they have the academic qualifications and social skills to succeed.

I am confident that your child will thoroughly enjoy his/her time at Helsby High School, experiencing the many new subjects, opportunities and facilities made available to him/her. A particular strength of our school is its strong community feel and I am sure that your child will feel fully supported and settle in very quickly. In particular, I know the Year 7 Pastoral Team are looking forward to supporting your child in the move from Primary School to High School and beyond.

Enclosed with this letter are some important documents which we all hope will help your child to settle at Helsby High School from September and assist you and your child to become familiar with the school's routines. The documents are: -

1. A letter about **SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**.
2. A suggested **READING LIST**.
3. **HEALTHY EATING** leaflet.
4. An introduction to the **HHS CATERING SERVICES** system.
5. **UNIFORM LIST**.
6. **EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS FIXTURES** letter.
7. Information on **SPECIALIST MUSIC LESSONS** delivered by Music For Life.
8. **PARENTS' BOOKLET** - starting secondary school. This is intended to help you and your child familiarise yourselves with our routines.

A copy of the Pupil's Booklet and a Plan of the school will be given to Year 7 on the first day of term.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in person. I would like to thank you in advance for all your help and support in the future.

Yours faithfully



Martin Hill
Headteacher