

June 2020

Dear student

Congratulations on being offered a place in Year 7 at Whitworth Community High School for September! A record number of families put us as their first preference school this year, so I am delighted that you are going to be joining us. I am really looking forward to meeting all of you.

Usually at this time of year we would be inviting you all into school for Y7 Welcome Day and inviting yourselves and your parents/carers to a Welcome Evening. In the current situation this is sadly not an option, but we are looking at arranging some different activities to give you an opportunity to meet your form tutor and some of the students who will be joining you in Y7. We also know that you will be excited about buying your blazer and tie, and perhaps your school skirt and we are looking at how we might be able to make this happen safely. In the meantime, please check the uniform list in your Transition Booklet for other items, such as shirts, trousers and socks which can be purchased online or from supermarkets.

We have created a Welcome video for our new Y7s which will give you a tour of our school, introduce you to a few of our current students and answer some of the questions you might have. Here is the link <https://www.whitworth.lancs.sch.uk/parents-and-carers/news> / [https://youtu.be/rwH\\_NSsNHdE](https://youtu.be/rwH_NSsNHdE). We have also made a video which tells our students – our new Y7s included – how we are missing them, and reminds us what school is like during 'normal' times. You can see this on our website <https://www.whitworth.lancs.sch.uk/parents-and-carers/news> / <https://youtu.be/iv1mBATfhy0>.

When you are back in your primary schools we would like to set up some 'virtual' meetings with you: firstly in small groups from your primary school, or with other students who are also coming on their own from their school if you are the only one; and then to have some virtual meetings where you would be able to talk to students from other primary schools who are going to be in your tutor group.

If possible, we would still like to invite small groups of you into school in the coming weeks – although you would no doubt need to stay in your current group from your primary school during your visit.

Life is very different for everyone at the moment, but hopefully many of you will be back at school soon. Mrs Cawley and our transition team have been speaking with your teachers and we are all looking forward to meeting you and your parents/carers whenever this becomes possible. For now, please stay safe and look after yourselves and your families.

Please complete and return the relevant transition documents. Documents should be received by school no later than **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**. Documents can either be posted or alternatively, placed through the school letter box.

Best wishes



Mrs G Middlemas  
Headteacher