

July 2020

To: All Parents and Carers of Year 6 Students

**Dear Parents and Carers** 

I am writing to welcome you and your child to Denton Community College and provide some information and guidance with regards to the start of the new academic year in September 2020.

I would first like to thank you for choosing our school as the provider for the secondary phase of your child's education. We are very much a community and will give our new Year 7 cohort a very warm welcome when they arrive with us in September. I hope you have already received links to our welcome video and Year 7 information booklet which can be accessed by clicking here.

This academic year has been like no other for all, especially students in Year 6 who have not only been in lockdown but who are now leaving their primary schools to embark on the transition into secondary education. This can be a very daunting experience for students and their families. To support our new Year 7, we intend to deliver the planned July transition days at the beginning of the new academic year. This will allow our new students the opportunity to meet their peers as well as their new teachers. They will be able to familiarise themselves with the new building, our systems and procedures, as well gain a taste of their new subjects.

We will only be inviting Year 7 into the building on the first transition day (**Wednesday 2**<sup>nd</sup> **September**) so that they can be fully settled without the distraction of other year groups. On the second transition day (**Thursday 3**<sup>rd</sup> **September**) we will begin the phased return of our other students, however our intention is that there will not be more than a quarter of our remaining cohort in the building at any one time on that day. On **Friday 4**<sup>th</sup> **September** we ask that Year 7 remain at home to complete a set of assigned curriculum tasks while the remainder of our students are re-orientated with life back at Denton Community College.

These proposals have been ratified by our governing body but may be amended following the calendared government announcement on 11<sup>th</sup> August, with regards to students returning to education in September. Following the government announcement we will provide further details with regards to the finalised plans for welcoming our new Year 7 to Denton Community College.

Once again, I would like to offer my thanks to you for choosing our school and I look forward to welcoming all of our new Year 7 on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**.

Yours sincerely

Mr G Rule HEADTEACHER