



4 May 2022

Dear parent/carer and new Year 7 student

**Re: Transition to The Dukeries Academy (Letter 1)**

We are delighted to welcome you to our Dukeries Academy community. You will be joining an Academy where students make exceptional progress and that Ofsted recently judged to be good (October 2021). We look forward to working with you, over the next seven years, as we support your child to achieve excellent examination results and prepare them to be positive changemakers in their own and other peoples' lives.

We appreciate that the transition from primary to a large secondary school can be both exciting and daunting. We will be in regular contact between now and the start of the 2022-23 academic year to guide you through this process. The first day of term for the new Year 7 will be Friday 2 September 2022 at 8.40am.

As part of our ambitious transition curriculum offer, we are excited to announce that we will be running a weeklong, face-to-face, Transition Week for Year 6. This will take place from Monday **4 July 2022 until Friday 8 July 2022**, and we would like to invite all our new Year 7 students to attend.

The Transition Week will be an exciting opportunity for students to meet their coach and expert subject teachers. Students will experience day-to-day life here at The Dukeries Academy, get acquainted with the buildings, meet their new classmates and experience the range of subjects we offer. In addition, we will be providing each student with transition work to help before, during and after the Transition Week.

Transport to the Academy, for those that need it, will be via the school buses currently in operation and we will help with this nearer the time. We will also provide students with lunch each day.

We will be in contact before Transition Week with a detailed programme and other arrangements.

We hope you are as excited as we are about the transition to The Dukeries Academy and we look forward to meeting you soon.

Yours sincerely

Mr Ged Rae  
Principal

Mr Craig Mellors  
KS3 Standards and Progress Leader