



## MIDDLEWICH HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for choosing Middlewich High School as your child's secondary school. On behalf of the Governors and staff of the school, I would like to welcome you as we embark on this journey together. At Middlewich High School we believe in building a strong partnership with our families to ensure that your child has the best educational learning experience as well as becoming contributing members of the wider community.

Transition this year is going to feel very different for all of us! Usually I would be looking forward to welcoming you to a Yr6 transition evening at the school in July. Due to COVID19 this year we will be unable to do this. However we will be offering a 'virtual' tour of the school so that you can meet some of our staff and see how our school works. My senior team have been busy making calls to all families to welcome you to the school, we hope that you found this personal touch valuable. We will endeavour to ensure that we use online platforms to offer tutor, safeguarding & senior team meet and greet sessions. For us to be able to do this we will need an email address and you will need access to a smartphone/tablet/PC/Chromebook. We will also record these sessions and make them available on our website just in case you are not able to attend the live session (we are hoping our ICT will allow us to run a live session!). We intend to run this programme of 'virtual transition' in the last week of the school term. We will write to you with information nearer the time.

When we return to school in September it is my express intention to ensure that Yr7 will have some time on their own in the school before other year groups arrive. At this point we do not yet know what September will look like in terms of social distancing guidance, I will write to you in the last week of August to inform you how we will start the new school year. As we all know a great deal can change in a few weeks so it is not sensible to try and predict what September looks like at this time.

I hope that the induction pack provides you with all the essential information you need at this time. This year due to the financial pressures that COVID19 has placed on our families we have taken the decision as a school to provide all new intake with a free blazer and tie. In your transition pack you will find a £30.00 voucher (covers the blazer cost) for orders placed with our supplier Sportswear International/Banner. The voucher code can only be redeemed over the phone between 15<sup>th</sup> June and 30<sup>th</sup> September. The number to call is 01928 7526210 and select option 1, you will need to inform the customer service advisor that you have a voucher code. Your child will receive their free tie on their first day at school, replacement/additional ties can be bought from school in September.

Please be assured we feel privileged to have been trusted with the responsibility of teaching your child. We will do everything we can to ensure transition into MHS is as smooth as it can possibly be. We are on an exciting journey as a school, as I always say we are a school with a big heart, an amazing community and an ambition for excellence.

We are very much looking forward to working with you,

Yours faithfully

Ms H Thurland  
Headteacher

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