



Hello

It is that time of year where we start to look ahead to a new school year and we are very much looking forward to meeting you when you join Hexham Middle School in September. At the moment, school is very different for all of us. We know that many of you will have been working from home for some time now; we also expect that some of you are starting to think about September and your move from your current school to your new school. Usually, we would visit your school to meet you and your teachers, but it does not look like that will be possible this year due to the current circumstances.

Instead, we want to tell you about what we are going to do over the coming weeks to make sure that your move to Hexham Middle School is a smooth one. We want you to be reassured that we are thinking about each and every one of you and can't wait to meet you soon.

We hope that you are feeling excited about starting with us in September, although we know you may also be feeling a little anxious. It is totally fine to feel like this – we often feel like it too before returning to school at the start of a new year. There will be many aspects of middle school which will be the same as your current school, but a new year brings with it new challenges and exciting opportunities. You will work in different buildings, meet new teachers and staff in school and take advantage of the wide range of opportunities which Hexham Middle will offer you.

Over the coming weeks, we are going to send you and your parents more information about your move to middle school: for example, we will let you know what equipment you will need to bring to school each day and how to pay for your lunch. We are all working very hard to make you feel excited and reassured about your transfer. We have now launched a new page on our website with information about our school and have set up a special inbox for any questions you may have (email: transition@hexhammiddle.org.uk). On the website page, you can watch our **'Welcome to HMS: Virtual Tour'** where you can see the school, hear from some staff and listen to Head Pupils and House Captains talking about life at HMS.

As part of the 'getting to know you' stage of your move, we would love it if you could write your own reply to this letter. In your letter, please try to include: lots of information about yourself and your family; your hobbies and interests; things you enjoy doing; things you are excited about at HMS and things you are perhaps a little nervous about. You can either

handwrite or type your letter and you can decorate it to show off your personality. Your letter can be emailed to transition@hexhammiddle.org.uk or posted to school at:

Year 4 Welcome Letter
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We can't wait to read your letters and to meet you in person. We will share these letters with your new form tutors. In the meantime, enjoy the rest of the term at your school. Stay safe and take care.

Mr Watters

Deputy Headteacher (Acting)