



A message from Mr Watters (Head of School)

Hello everyone

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. We are also so excited that we will be moving to our brand new school – it is looking fantastic! 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 happy 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 this way 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 first 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 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 us 'getting to know you', 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 (before 16 July) at:

Year 4 Welcome Letter
Hexham Middle School

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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 year 5 teachers. In the meantime, enjoy the rest of the term at your first school.

Mr Watters

Head of School

A message from Mr Stephenson (Pastoral Leader: KS2)

To our new Year 5 pupils

Firstly, it gives me great pleasure to begin welcoming you to the Hexham Middle School community. We cannot wait for you to join us and look forward to seeing you on your first day. My name is Mr Stephenson and I am the Pastoral Leader for Key Stage 2.

Hexham Middle School is an exciting, fun and wonderful place to learn, and in my role as Head of Key Stage 2, I will help you to make the most of your time here. We have many great and inspiring lessons for you to learn in our classrooms, labs and gyms. We also have many exciting opportunities outside of the classroom including football, rugby, board game club, choir, violin lessons, Spanish club, Mandarin club, card club, netball, art club and even Rock Band!

We want you to come to HMS and follow your interests and passions: for me that means reading! I teach English and love our library sessions where we go to choose new books every week. It's a great opportunity to discover new worlds and new characters whilst learning so much. I hope to see many of you in our library next year. My other interests include playing, watching and listening to any sport. My favourites are football and cricket and I'm a huge Manchester United fan!

I know that you will have a lot of questions about Hexham Middle School before you arrive, so we've set up an easy-to-complete form (which we have sent to your parents/ carers) for you to ask me anything that you would like to know. I will then answer all of your questions during our upcoming Transfer Evenings; I'm here for you to ask about any concerns or worries you may have, including your use of the outdoor space at break and lunchtime or our dining room and any questions about what lessons will be like. I will also be here in September for any further questions you may have once you arrive.

Once again, I can't wait to welcome you to HMS in September. See you soon.

Mr Stephenson