



Acting Headteacher: Mr. J. Fox

# The Earls High School

A Specialist College for the Performing Arts

26<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer of <Forename> Surname,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to The Earls High School and I am very much looking forward to working with you over the coming months and years. The aim of my letter, alongside the contents of this pack, is to reassure you and your child about the transition to The Earls High School and provide you with all the information you need to prepare for September.

**I am delighted to announce that <Name> will be in form <Form> and their Form Tutor will be <Form Tutor>. The Modern Foreign Language they will study will be <language>.**

The role of the form tutor is an essential one in making sure your child receives excellent pastoral care, providing a strong platform for success. Alongside this letter there is a message from your child's form tutor including their email address. If you or your child would like to introduce yourselves to your tutor before we break up for the summer holiday, they would be delighted to hear from you.

Normally at this time of year, I would be standing in front of you on the stage; welcoming you all to our school, sharing some key information with you and giving you the opportunity to ask questions and share concerns. Sadly, it has not been possible this year, so I encourage you to view the New Intake presentation which is available to view on the Earls website.

Our transition package has looked rather different this year, but I am continuing to do all I can to make your child's move to The Earls a smooth, informative and enjoyable process. The key documents and videos detailed below can be found on the 'Information for Year 6 Students' area of our website. <http://www.earlshighschool.org/year-6-information/>.

- Since the beginning of May, I have been liaising with Year 6 teachers, SENCOs and Headteachers from all our feeder primary schools to obtain relevant student data and to discuss pastoral information and friendship groups.
- A transition video has been sent to our Primary Schools and is available on YouTube and The Earls website. Led by our Junior Leadership Team, the video offers students an insight into what they can expect when they join us in September.
- A second video is now available on our website with welcome messages from myself, Mrs Bryant (Year 7 Coordinator) and Mr Berry (Director of Student Needs).

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- Our Heads of Faculty have also put together a video to introduce themselves, along with some of the topics that students will study when they join us in September.
- A transition workbook was shared with Primary Schools enabling students to work through some fun and engaging preparatory activities. You will see that some of the tasks encourage students to come up with questions for their arrival in September. A copy is enclosed with this letter; please encourage your child to have a go at the activities, and to bring their booklet in to school on their first day.
- Prior to the end of term, you will receive a phone call from either myself or Mrs Bryant. This will provide the opportunity to share any relevant information about your child and answer any questions that you may have before September.

We will hold an induction day for our new Year 7 students on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**. Students will have the school to themselves on this day, and it will give them the opportunity to find their way around, meet new friends and begin to learn our routines. They should arrive at school for 8.35am at the main entrance. We would ask all students to bring a packed lunch for this day. Students will finish at our normal time of 3.15pm.

The large booklet 'Information for Parents and New Year 7 Students' contains a wealth of information about the way we work at The Earls. There is also information regarding our school uniform and how to order it. Please read it carefully – you will have the opportunity to ask any further questions during our telephone calls.

Students have not been able to finish their primary school education in the way they would have wished, but I know that Year 7 will provide exciting learning challenges, new extracurricular experiences and plenty of opportunities to develop socially. I am very much looking forward to working with you and <Name> as they begin their Earls High School journey.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Benham

Head of Lower School

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