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Dear

Welcome to Durrington High School! I am so pleased that you are going to be joining us in September and I am looking forward to meeting you. You have started on an exciting journey and are now part of the Durrington team. You will have a range of thoughts and emotions about leaving your present school and starting a new one. You may not know anyone or you may know lots of people; it will not matter because there is always someone to ask and lots to do.

As two of our new year 7 students said:

“I love the lessons because they are more in depth than my old school, and way more fun. I love the facilities because, for example, in Science, we are literally using fire like how cool is that?”

“I like our tutor group because we have a mixture of different schools and we get to meet new people.”

One of the keys to success will be for you to get involved in all aspects of life at Durrington, whether sports teams, making an electric car in STEM club, performing as part of Rock Challenge, participating in the Duke of Edinburgh scheme or any of the many extra-curricular activities we have. Whether in the lessons or elsewhere, remember to take part from the start.

We are having a special day here on **Wednesday 4 July** for all of you who are going to be our new year 7s. On that day, please wear your current school uniform and arrive at school no later than 8.50am. There will be students and staff to meet you at the front of the school to show you where you need to go. During the day you will meet staff and the other members of your new form. You will get to know the building so that when you arrive in September you will know where everything is. You will experience some of the lessons you can look forward to in year 7 and you will begin to find out more about what will be expected of you as a Durrington High School student.

At lunchtime, you can either bring a packed lunch or use the canteen. If you want to use the canteen you will need to bring £3.00. The canteen is usually cashless, but for this one day the money can be brought into school in a sealed envelope marked clearly with your full name. Any change will remain credited to your account ready for your return in September. If you usually have free school meals, don't worry as you will have a lunch provided. We will be talking to your teachers at your present school and they will tell you about the arrangements nearer the time.

We will finish the day at 2.20pm when you will be expected to go straight home.

I know that you will enjoy your time with us, just as we will value you being part of our Durrington team. There is so much to look forward to and we are glad to be sharing our journey together as we all aim to 'go beyond our best'.

There are other letters enclosed with this one. Please give them to your parent/carer.

I look forward to seeing you in July.

Ms S Marooney
Headteacher