



25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Year 7 Parents,

RE: Year 7 Welcome Evening

At this time of year we usually welcome all Year 7 parents into school for your first parental event: Year 7 Welcome Evening. This year, due to COVID-19, we are unable to run the event in person. Instead, we will release a welcome evening virtually through our website on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 5:30pm. We will send the link via text message the day before so you are ready to access all of the videos and activities when they launch.

We are pleased to report that Year 7 have settled in tremendously, despite starting their secondary school in the most extraordinary circumstances. Pupils have become familiar with new routines, a new school building, a timetable and our expectations very quickly indeed and we are extremely impressed with the superb start they have made. More headlines and highlights of their achievements so far will be shared during Welcome Evening.

In addition to the event itself, we will provide a Microsoft Forms page for you to ask any questions you may have about your child's first month at secondary school, or to provide feedback. Where required, we will follow up any feedback or responses with phone calls or email from your child's Head of House.

We look forward to our virtual engagement with you next week, and hope you can make it. The event will remain live on the website for a few days should you need to catch up afterwards or revisit anything of particular interest.

In the meantime, if you have any questions please remember that the quickest and most effective way to contact us is to email your child's Head of House. Their email addresses are:

York House	Ms Green	<a href="mailto:b.greene@decschool.co.uk">b.greene@decschool.co.uk</a>
Exeter House	Mr Hanson	<a href="mailto:r.hanson@decschool.co.uk">r.hanson@decschool.co.uk</a>
Durham House	Mr James	<a href="mailto:g.james@decschool.co.uk">g.james@decschool.co.uk</a>
Warwick House	Mr Joss	<a href="mailto:m.joss@decschool.co.uk">m.joss@decschool.co.uk</a>

Thank you for your support and partnership so far in your child's journey with us.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Dunn  
Head Teacher

