

17th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to be able to write to you as the new Co-Heads for The Newbridge School. We feel extremely honoured and privileged to have been selected to continue to build upon the success the school has already achieved, and entrusted with the job of leading such a vibrant school.

We are very pleased that your child will be joining us at The Newbridge School for the next stage in their education and we understand that this is an exciting and important new chapter for you and your child. We are very much looking forward to being able to get to know you and your child over the coming years, and work together in partnership to ensure your child receives a first rate educational experience.

Due to the restrictions concerning Covid-19, our transition process has had to be slightly modified. Over the next two weeks, we will be visiting students in their primary schools to introduce ourselves, and other colleagues from The Newbridge School will be working closely with our colleagues in the primary schools to ensure the transition is as smooth as possible.

Induction

We are currently finalising the induction process for our new Year 7s. Unfortunately, as a result of recent government announcements, the restrictions surrounding Covid-19 and the requirement to not have any primary bubbles mix, we are unable to offer our usual induction offer.

We will be offering all students a tour of our school, and a chance to meet staff prior to the summer break. Hopefully, this will help students to begin their secondary education feeling happy and confident.

On Thursday 1st July and Friday 2nd July, we are able to invite some of our new Year 7 to spend some time with us at The Newbridge School.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, students will not be able to go into their new tutor/teaching groups, but will remain with their primary school in order not to mix the primary bubbles in classrooms.

We will be allocating time at the start of the new academic year for all of our new Year 7s to get to know their tutor and members of their Tutor Group.

In order to ensure everyone's safety, we will be operating a staggered start and finish time for both induction days.

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Co-Heads of School – Mrs Katrina Farragher | Mrs Natalie Fox
Executive Headteacher & Chief Executive Officer of The Apollo Partnership Trust – Mrs Julia Patrick

Arrival (Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd July)

Belvoirdale Primary School	9:00am
Huggelscote Primary School	9:15am
All Saints	9:30am
Broomleys Primary School	9:40am
Thringstone	10:00am
Swannington	10:00am
New Swannington	10:00am

Collection (Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd July)

Belvoirdale Primary School	2:00pm
Huggelscote Primary School	2:10pm
All Saints	2:20pm
Broomleys Primary School	2:30pm
Thringstone	2:40pm
Swannington	2:40pm
New Swannington	2:40pm

We respectfully ask that parents and students arrive, and get picked up, no earlier or later than their allocated time, again this is to adhere to current guidelines.

During these induction days, students will get to meet staff, have a tour of the school, and get a taster of some of the different lessons they will be studying when they join us after the summer.

We will provide all students with a free breaktime snack, lunch and drink on both induction days. This means that that they will not need to bring any money for food. Should students prefer to bring their own food, they are of course more than welcome.

Food and drink for the induction days should be pre-ordered using the following link:

[Induction Day Food Ordering](#)

Summer School

To further enhance your child's transition to secondary school, we are extremely pleased to be able to offer all of our new Year 7 students an opportunity to attend our Summer School. This will take place during the week commencing the 16th August and is free of charge for all of our new Year 7 students.

It will be a fantastic opportunity for your child to meet members of our staff, get to know the school, meet students in their new year group, and make new friends. We feel that this week will be extremely valuable in making the transition from primary to secondary as smooth as possible, and we are looking forward to spending the week with as many of them as possible.

Hopefully you will have already received a letter regarding our Summer School, if you haven't received this letter, the information can be found on our school website.

If you would like your child to attend the Apollo Summer School, then please fill in the details on the online form to register your place by Friday 18th June. (Children do need to attend all week.)

Please click this link to access the online form: [Apollo Summer School Response Form](#)

Uniform

For the transition days, students should wear their primary uniform on Thursday, and their primary PE kit on the Friday.

The Newbridge School uniform **for next academic year** can now be ordered from <https://www.lisssport.co.uk/newbridge>

In order to ensure delivery in time for the start of the new school year, uniform must be ordered by July 9th.

Should you have any further questions surrounding next year's uniform, please contact our Business Manager, Mrs Kirste Thompson (ktompson@newbridgesch.uk)

Initial Contact

Starting on the 21st June, all parents will receive a phone call from a member of our Senior Leadership Team or Mr Handford (Head of Year for Year 7). This will be a chance for you to ask any questions you may have and for us to begin getting to know you and your child.

Induction Evening

The evening of the 1st of July would normally be our Induction Evening where parents get the chance to meet their child's tutor. We are currently planning on holding this meeting virtually, and we will contact you nearer the time with instructions on how you can join an online meeting to meet your child's tutor.

Covid-19

Alongside the staggered start and finish time, we will, as mentioned above, be keeping students in their primary bubble at all times when indoors.

Students will remain in the same, well ventilated, classroom during the induction days (apart from when they have their tour of the school and PE), and this is to provide a further layer of defence against transmission of the virus.

The school is already subject to a strict cleaning regime, with all door handles and other touch spots cleaned regularly.

Your child will be given a new pen, pencil, paper etc to work with for their induction days and we will not be sharing equipment in the classroom.

We are looking forward to getting to know you and your child better over the coming months, and hopefully get the chance to meet in person in the near future. In the meantime, have a fantastic summer.

Yours faithfully



Mr M Rowbottom
Co-Head of School



Mr M Gamble
Co-Head of School