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Dear Parents/Carers and Year 6 Students,

I understand that moving from primary to high school can be a little scary, but I hope that after spending two induction days at Copleston you will be more reassured.

I want to make it as smooth as possible for everyone, so I hope I can communicate with you as much as possible in the lead up to welcoming students into school in September. As a school, our overall purpose is to develop and shape our students into independent, reflective, and able learners. By providing a varied curriculum, we aim to build upon the skills and experiences that our students bring from primary school by offering them a wide range of opportunities to enrich their outcomes, inside and outside the classroom.

Ultimately in Year 7 we aim to prepare students for lifelong learning within a nurturing, yet mature framework. We understand that moving up from primary school is an exciting time for any student therefore the pastoral support available provides both students and parents/carers with the security of someone familiar and supportive whilst they get used to being part of a bigger community. Our high behavioural standards, along with our warm approach, support students whilst they lay foundations and get accustomed to our aims and ethos. Students are developed from the outset to take ownership of their day at school. Initially when students begin at Copleston, we work incredibly hard to look at all the little things, so that the bigger worries don't occur – Students will take time to adjust and settle, but it is amazing how resilient young people can be and before we know it, they're all settled in and flourishing. The pastoral team is wholly committed to providing the support and care that your child needs to develop as a young person and learner.

As Leader of Learning for Year 7, I am a non-teaching member of staff which gives me a greater opportunity to work with individuals regarding any academic, extra-curricular and personal issues. Extra-curricular activities for Year 7 are wide-ranging. Sports activities are available most lunchtimes and subjects also offer their own opportunities for students. For Year 7 we also run 'WOW!' or 'What's on Wednesday', which is an opportunity for all Year 7 students to get involved. On Wednesdays the school day ends early to allow students to take part in 'WOW!' A wide range of activities are on offer including rock climbing, nail art, first-aid, baking, drama and sports. Students can access several different activities throughout the year, with the option of changing to a different activity each half term.

May I take this opportunity to say I very much look forward to working in partnership with parent/carers. There are lots of exciting times ahead, creating fulfilling experience that could well lead students to a particular study or future career route.

With best wishes,

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