16th March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you and your family are keeping well. Thank you for choosing The Derby High School for your child. Congratulations on gaining a place at The Derby High School for September 2023.

We are all excited about your child joining us. If you have not already done so please email the school at [transitions@thederbyhighschool.co.uk](mailto:Transitions@thederbyhighschool.co.uk) or phone 0161 764 1819 to accept your child’s place. Once the place has been accepted we will write to them personally.

Despite the challenges we have faced in recent years the school has maintained its focus on providing an outstanding education and we are proud of the developments we continue to make. We have recently converted one of our old gyms into CREATE a state of the art facility for our technology subjects. We have also developed a dedicated area for our more vulnerable students, INCLUDE.

Our philosophy at The Derby High School is always to support and encourage our young people. We believe in creating a positive climate for learning in which all students are valued and motivated to succeed. Our work is centred around our motto “Inspired to make a difference “and the 7Rs – Respectful, Responsible, Ready, Reasonable, Right Impression, Resourceful and Resilient. In recent years our emphasis has focused on Resilience as we consider this to be essential for a happy and successful experience in school and beyond.

Staff at The Derby High School work extremely hard and demand the same of our students. We strive to build an effective home-school partnership and ask that you also play your part by working with the school, attending all parent’s evenings and ensuring your child is fully prepared for school each day. We would also welcome your involvement in our Parent Voice group, where you can share your views and opinions, and the ‘Friends of The Derby’, who focus on our community work and fundraising.

Our Induction Day (for students) is scheduled for Wednesday 5th July and our Information Evening (for students and parents) is also on Wednesday the 5th July. More information will be sent out nearer the time about these key events. As part of our transition process your child will be visited at their primary school by one of the transition team.

We are committed to delivering a smooth transition from primary to secondary school. We will update the transition page on our website on a regular basis. The website details essential information for new parents/carers about our school and provides advice on how you as a parent/carer can help your child through this transition phase. <http://thederbyhighschool.co.uk/transition/> Over the coming months you will receive further letters with documentation to complete, these communication’s will also be placed on the website.

Transition is led by Mrs J Szpunar (Assistant Head Teacher) however if you have any queries please contact [transitions@thederbyhighschool.co.uk](mailto:transitions@thederbyhighschool.co.uk) in the first instance.

We look forward to working with you over the coming years.

Yours sincerely

**Ms C H Hubert**

Headteacher