



Dear parents and carers,

At George Spencer Academy we pride ourselves on being an ethos driven school with our core values at the heart of everything we do. Our core values are:

**WE STRIVE TO BE THE BEST WE CAN BE.**

**WE SHOW RESILIENCE.**

**WE ARE SUPPORTIVE.**

**WE RESPECT INDIVIDUALITY.**

**WE ARE POLITE, FAIR AND HONEST.**

**WE HAVE A LOVE OF LEARNING.**

I would like to share with you our approach to transition. We want your children to feel safe, secure and happy, settling into school quickly and making new friends when they start with us at George Spencer Academy. As a school community we will nurture and care for our young people. They will be taught by teachers who care about them, will challenge them academically, and support their personal development.

All year groups at George Spencer Academy have a Director of Learning who leads and manages their cohort. This role is similar to a Head of Year role which you may be familiar with. However, it has the added focus of interweaving pastoral support and guidance with learning and progress because we believe in wrap-around care for our students. The role of Director of Learning is central to overseeing this approach. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> April you will have received some early communication from Ms Wilkinson, your child's Director of Learning, who is excited to take on the role having been very successful as the Director of Learning for Year 11. It is important to us that you get to know the person who will be overseeing your child's education and Ms Wilkinson is currently working hard to plan suitable events to get to know your child.

Despite the unprecedented events of the coronavirus pandemic our ethos, values and commitment to providing a quality transition programme for your child remains central to all we do. As you have probably read in the media the government continues to share plans for the relaxation of the COVID-19 restrictions through their roadmap. At the time of writing this letter we are planning to have all our future Year 7 students visit us at the school for 2 days in July, **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July**, followed by a parent evening event on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July**, which we hope to do in person. At George Spencer Academy our future Year 7 students are a priority. We will aim to provide them with the best transition possible. Ms Wilkinson will be in regular contact with you during the summer term to keep you fully informed of our process and we look forward to receiving the requested information detailed in our previous correspondence by 21<sup>st</sup> May.

We are currently planning the finer details of our transition offer including a virtual tour of the school and visits to primary schools by Ms Wilkinson. Ms Wilkinson will shortly send you a guide to our transition package, however, as information comes in from the government and the landscape changes we may tweak some items if it means we can provide a better introduction to the school for your child.

I wish your child a very warm welcome to George Spencer Academy, we are delighted that they are joining our school and we look forward to meeting them soon.

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Corbett  
Principal