17<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Dear Parent / Carer,

We hope that your son is enjoying his last days at Primary School and is really looking forward to starting with us in the autumn term. This letter and the enclosed 'New Parents' and Students' Guide' contains all of the information that you and your son need as you prepare for the exciting next phase of his education. Much of this information reiterates what we talked about at the new parents' evening in June. If you would like further clarification on any aspect of this, please don't hesitate to contact us.

#### **Form Group**

Your son's form group and house is detailed below and a list of form tutors is also shown for your reference.

Student name:

Form group:

House:

| Form | Tutor          |
|------|----------------|
| 7S   | Mrs S Goodwin  |
| 7A   | Mr C Rowley    |
| 7N   | Miss K Oliver  |
| 7D   | Mr C Mannion   |
| 7B   | Miss E Halsall |
| 7E   | Miss R Bird    |
| 7C   | Mr J Green     |

# First Day Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September

The school day starts at **8.30am**, and all year 7 students will be in for the entire day. Please aim to get your son to school by approximately 8.20am so that we can get the boys organised before they go into their welcome assembly. Weather permitting, we will assemble on the red tarmac at the front of School House. Staff and sixth form students will be there to welcome our new intake, and ensure that their time at Sandbach School starts in the best possible fashion. A brief outline of the first day is below and please note that for the PE induction your son will need his **'red' PE kit.** 

| Time          | Activity   |
|---------------|--|
| 8:30 - 9:00   | Welcome assembly   |
| 9:00 – 11:00  | Tour, photographs, refectory finger-tipping and a PE induction |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | 'Fix up' seminars  |
| 12:30 – 1:15  | Lunch  |
| 1:15 – 2:15   | Form Tutor session   |
| 2:15 – 2:45   | House assembly   |
| 2:45 - 3:00   | Summary of the day and depart                                  |

#### **Refectory and Parent Pay**

Students will be 'finger-tipped' for our cashless catering system during the first day. They should bring either cash or a packed lunch on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September, but from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> onwards, they will need to load money onto the cashless system either via the coin loading machines in the Refectory, or online via 'Parent Pay' (<a href="www.parentpay.com">www.parentpay.com</a>). Please note, you will receive login information for Parent Pay on the first day via a letter that the boys will bring home. You will then be able to logon and add credit to your account.

# 'PREPPED' for September

We would be very grateful if you could read and familiarise yourself with what all students need to have with them every day whilst they are at Sandbach School. Ensuring that they are prepared and ready to learn by having the right equipment every lesson is key to ensuring they can engage with their learning. We would ask you to continue to support us and them by ensuring that they remain 'PREPPED' throughout their time at the school.

The parents' guide also details everything that you need to know with regard to uniform. We would ask you to pay particular attention to ensuring that your son's shoes are school shoes, and <u>not</u> trainers. In addition to this, we have a clear policy on hairs that forbids styles involving lines in hair, extreme contrasts in length, and colours which are not their natural colour.

### **Stanley Head**

As detailed in the letter and at the induction evening, each form will spend one day at Stanley Head Outdoor Education Centre w/b 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017. The exact day that your son's form will go will be available in September. If you have not yet sent in both medical consent forms and payment please can you send this in to Rachel Cooper as soon as possible.

I hope this information helps you to prepare for the exciting times to come at Sandbach School, but please contact us if you need any further information. We will be on emails following A Level and GCSE results days in August. If you email us earlier in the summer we will respond as soon as we can. We would also like to wish you all the best for a very enjoyable and relaxing summer break.

Yours faithfully,

Mr M Lowe Assistant Headteacher