



1 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you and your family are as well as can be during these difficult times. We would like to update you on the transition arrangements for those students who are either joining or leaving the Middle Schools this year. Unfortunately, due to a wide variety of reasons, we will once again be unable to run the 'normal' transition experience for students this year. We recognise you may be disappointed to hear this; in truth, we are too. Please be assured we are working closely as a pyramid of schools to put together a package which will best support students with their transition whether that be from First School to Middle School or from Middle School to Shelley College. We are sure this offer will help ensure a relatively worry free summer and a smooth start in September- for both students and parents. The offer will be very similar to last year which, considering the circumstances, was well received.

Transition to a new school can be an emotional time for many of our students. When moving to a new school, students will naturally have feelings of excitement alongside some trepidation. We understand this year, due to the ongoing disruption caused by partial school closures, that these emotions may be heightened by uncertainty. Please be assured that the emotional well-being and academic progress of your child is at the forefront of our minds and we will do everything we can to make the transition as smooth and positive as possible.

We hope to be able to offer all students a taster day at their new school in the summer term, the provisional dates for these are-

- **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July Kirkburton Middle School** - Year 5 students spend the day at Kirkburton and Year 8 students spend the day at Shelley College
- **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July Scissett Middle School** - Year 5 students spend the day at Scissett and Year 8 students spend the day at Shelley College

We will write again after Easter when we hope to be in a position to confirm these plans together with sharing further details of our full transition offer.

On behalf of all of our schools, we would like to thank you for your support and understanding during these unique times.

Yours sincerely,

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