

27<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted that your son/daughter will be joining us at Newmarket Academy in September.

We are approaching the time that we would normally be sending out information to all our year 6 pupils that will be joining us as year 7 in September 2020. In this current climate the usual programme of transition days, parent information evenings and uniform fitting will not be able to take place. However, we are keen to ensure that we have as much information to be able to start the new term in September 2020 as smoothly as possible. **Please find enclosed:**

**\*Vertical Tutor Groups form**

**\*Data Check form**

**\*Musical Instrument Lessons – Expression of Interest form**

**Newmarket Academy Uniform and Rules and Expectations letter**

**Uniform ordering Information**

\*Please could we ask you complete the forms marked with an \* and post back to Newmarket Academy, Exning Road, Newmarket, CB8 0EB and mark for the attention of 'Ms E Wilson Year 7'. If the current restrictions are lifted in a few weeks you will be able to drop the forms off at reception. We really do need these forms back by the end of May in order to take on board requests for friendships and siblings when organising tutor groups.

#### Vertical Tutor Groups:

All students at Newmarket Academy belong to a 'vertical' tutor group (i.e. made up of students from all years) and all children in that tutor group belong to the same House. Wherever possible, we try to ensure that any child with an older sibling already at the Academy goes into the same house as their brother or sister. We also try to make sure that each child coming with others from their primary school, has a friend in their tutor group. Obviously these things are not always possible, for example if friends have siblings in different houses at the Academy, but completion of the form will enable us to begin the process of drafting tutor groups for September.

#### School Transport

Is your child eligible for Suffolk County Council funded school travel? Suffolk's School Travel Policy has been amended, so it is important that you understand how this might affect your child's eligibility for funded school travel from September 2020. To find out more visit [www.suffolkonboard.com/schooltravel](http://www.suffolkonboard.com/schooltravel) if your child is eligible for funded school travel you now need to opt-in (apply) each year so they can receive it. The opt-in window for this year is open from 1 March 2020 to 31 May 2020. To find out more visit [www.suffolkonboard.com/optin](http://www.suffolkonboard.com/optin)

If the current situation changes and we are in a position to offer an information evening and uniform fitting we will of course contact you with these details. We do expect all students to start the Academy in September in full uniform.

In the meantime please keep yourselves and family safe, for any queries email [elaine.wilson@newmarketacademy.co.uk](mailto:elaine.wilson@newmarketacademy.co.uk).

Yours sincerely



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