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Parent/Carer of

Dear Parent/Carer

Cams Hill School Class of 2028 (Year 7 at Cams Hill School from September 2023)

I am writing to offer my congratulations on successfully gaining a place at Cams Hill School to start in Year 7 in September 2023. We were oversubscribed again this year and delighted that our school continues to be the school of choice within our local area. Your child will become part of the class of 2028 which is brilliant news! Cams Hill School is a fabulous place to learn and work. I hope very much that you and your child are thrilled to have secured a place.

I wanted to formally introduce myself as Executive Headteacher at Cams Hill School and offer my support to you all at this early stage of transition to ensure that the move from Year 6 into Year 7 is as smooth as possible. We know starting secondary school, is a big step for some pupils and their families. We know that it can feel daunting but wanted to reassure you that our overarching aim is for your child to transition to Cams Hill School as exciting and full of opportunity. You are lucky to have Miss Rachel Matthews as Co-Head of School overseeing transition along with Miss Sophie Haynes Head of Year 7 and Mrs Jane Braisher and Miss Kirsty Neil as Assistant Heads of Year 7. The Year 7 Team at Cams Hill School have a wealth of experience in leading transition programmes that have proven successful in helping to ensure that everyone feels fully prepared for September.

The Cams Hill School community prides itself on a culture of respect and kindness, and its dedication to ensure that pupils thrive in the learning environment we offer and develop the life skills that will help them to shape their future. We continue to develop our curriculum, offering a greater breadth and balance of subjects and co-curricular activities which consists of after school activities, shows, musical events, trips, visits and residential stays, which is ever expanding! We also promote the many pupil leadership opportunities that exist across all year groups which contribute to pupil's personal development. The feedback from our pupils tells us that they really do love shaping the future of their own school and seeing the difference that they can make.

A focus for us as a school, is on building and rebuilding relationships, working together, promoting a sense of community and continuing to develop our positive, enabling and aspirational culture. The language we use is more important than ever before focussing not on gaps, or what pupils may have missed or being behind but on developing self-confidence, resilience, physical and mental fitness and wellbeing. Most importantly, we place an emphasis on the enjoyment that our pupils experience in being part of such a brilliant school community, learning together in a culture which also focuses on our three B's...Be patient; Be thoughtful and Be kind.

I know you will have lots of questions and the full induction welcome pack will be sent out after the Spring Break which I am sure will answer most of them. We also offer you a date for your diary – **Monday 24 April 2023** when we will be inviting you into school (late afternoon/early evening time TBC) to meet the Headship and Year 7 Team to formally begin the transition process and welcome you to our school community. Further details about the evening will be sent to you later this term as well as information about uniform which is in the process of being finalised ahead of September 2023 following a period of consultation. If there is anything else that you need then please do look at our website www.camshill.com or email transition23@camshill.com and a member of the Year 7 team will respond.

May I take this opportunity to congratulate you again as a family on the choice that you have made. Cams Hill School is a truly special place and as I frequently say to pupils and staff, it is the people that make the place. I am thrilled that your child is going to be part of the Cams Hill School community in September 2023.

Yours sincerely

Mrs G M Harrison-Jones
Executive Headteacher