

June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I write to inform you of the disappointing, but predictable news that we have had to **cancel our scheduled Year 7 Induction programme for pupils and parents**. We have deliberately delayed contacting you in the hope that the Government were able to relax social distancing measures which would have allowed us to welcome 300 new students on to the site on Induction day. However, having liaised closely with the Local Authority, we have had to concede that this won't take place as previously scheduled on Friday 26th June.

Your child's induction day will now take place on Friday 4th September, where we have made arrangements to ensure Year 7 have the school to themselves for the majority of the day. This will in effect replace the induction day that would have taken place in June and hopefully go some way to alleviating some of the anxiety that can be associated with the transfer to Secondary school.

In addition to cancelling the induction day for students, we have also been **forced to cancel the Induction evening for parents, scheduled for the 18th June**, due to ongoing social distancing restraints. As an alternative, the Pupil care team and the school's Media Department have teamed together to create **a virtual induction session in the form of a 'Welcome to Wiseman' film**. This 17-minute film presentation features key staff at the school and will provide you and your child with information and advice on how to successfully manage the transition process. The film will be posted on the school's website and can be found along with your Year 7 welcome pack by clicking here: [Year 7 Welcome Pack](#). A link to the film will also be e-mailed to all new parents/carers in the next few days; please ensure you have provided us with an active/up to date e-mail address for all future communications.

We would encourage all parents/carers and their children to make every effort to watch the 'Welcome to Wiseman' induction film and fully read all the letters/leaflets included in the welcome pack, so that your child is fully prepared to join us in September 2020.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Walton', written in a cursive style.

Mr P Walton
Director of Inclusion