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Year 7 First day of the new term- Monday 5th September – 8.15am

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you about how excited we are to welcome our new Year 7 cohort in September. We had such a positive experience during the Year 6 transition days last month and were so impressed by the behaviour, approach to learning and enthusiasm of all students; many of them receiving positive points for our TORCH character strengths and some being awarded Star student for their participation during the day. We are very much looking forward to celebrating their successes during their first year at The Suthers School. The first day of term will be on Monday 5th September. Students are to arrive at 8.20am ready for morning registration for an 8.30 am start. On arrival, Year 7 students will be directed through the main reception and are to go directly to the Refectory where they will be met by the Senior Leadership Team and Miss Allen our KS3 Culture for Learning Lead. Their first day will involve a number of onboarding activities that will explain and remind them of the 'Suthers Way' following our TORCH values and character strengths. Our high expectations and standards along with various daily routines will be shared so all students know what we expect within our school community.

Timetables and planners will be issued to students so it's especially important that they bring with them their Suthers bag, pencil case, ruler, pencil and pen. All students will receive a clip-on tie on their first day so if one has been purchased already they will have another one as a spare to keep safe.

Furthermore, students will be issued with 3 CGP work books this half term. They will have a Maths, English and Science workbook to use throughout the year to help them learn independently. The books will also be used by departments to set homework tasks and additional learning throughout the year in their lessons, so please ensure students look after them. They will be given the workbooks during a tutor session in the next few weeks and will be shown how to utilise these books effectively.

We anticipate some students will be nervous on their first day; we will make them feel as welcome and settled as soon as possible and have our Student Parliament allocated to tutor groups during the first day so Year 7 have a friendly face they can go to if needed. We also know that many students will make friends for life during these first few weeks. As a result, we will be aiming to organise a further team building activity trip, week commencing the 3rd October, so they can continue to build these relationships. More additional information will follow about this exciting event.

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a great week prior to the start of the next academic year and we look forward to seeing you all on the 5th September.

If you do have any questions, please use our direct school email address contact@thesuthersschool.co.uk where we will endeavor to get back to you within 48 hours.

For further information and updates, parents and carers may choose to follow The Suthers School via our website www.thesuthersschool.co.uk and on both Twitter and Instagram.

Yours sincerely,

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