



18<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**Re: <Student name>**

Dear <Parent name>,

It's been wonderful to visit a large number of your children in their primary school or to welcome your child into Tor Bridge High for a visit over the last month. They have been full of good questions and a very natural mixture of excitement and some trepidation. I've been so impressed meeting them and their enthusiasm, kindness and ambition has really shone through and we are really looking forward to them being fully part of our school community. We know that the move to secondary school is a big step for parents as well as their children and we don't take for granted the faith and trust you are placing in us and our responsibilities to support you and your children to grow into great people.

We have had lots of conversations with Year 6 teachers and SENCOs in your children's schools and have now gathered a lot of information which will enable us to prepare and support them as they start Year 7 as well as we possibly can.

As per our welcome letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> May, we are looking forward to meeting you and your child on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June** at our New Year 7 Welcome Evening. Please arrive from **4:30pm**. You will be given an envelope when you arrive which will contain some key forms and a welcome booklet. There will be an opportunity to meet your child's tutor and to hear from the Headteacher, Tracy Stephenson, as well as myself and the Head of Year 7, Amanda Cretch. You will be welcomed to TBH by receiving your new tie and we know you will wear your uniform with pride. There will be an opportunity to try on, buy or order the rest of the uniform, as below:

<b>Tor Bridge High Compulsory Uniform</b>
Fitted jacket (Trutex) <a href="https://www.trutex.com/">https://www.trutex.com/</a>
Tor Bridge High approved school skirt or school trousers (see School website for acceptable materials, style etc.)
White school shirt shirts
Tie (this will be provided free of charge on Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June)
Plain black polished shoes
PE polo shirt (KitWorld) <a href="https://kitworld.uk/product-category/school-clubs/torbridge-high-pe/">https://kitworld.uk/product-category/school-clubs/torbridge-high-pe/</a>

We know as a school that students have a more successful transition and feel a greater sense of belonging when we work in partnership with parents/carers at this early stage. This initial visit to TBH is crucial to reassuring your child that this next step is going to provide the best start to their journey and I look forward to welcoming you all as you support your child in making the best possible start.

**If you cannot attend on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June**, please contact the school to arrange an alternative time as your child will be unable to start without completing the required welcome paperwork and receiving their TBH tie.

At TBH we provide an exceptional transition offer which includes two Year 7 induction days on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July**. We will provide more details regarding these **and** the first three days of the September term, **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September**. These days are allocated to supporting Year 7 to settle in and get used to the routines and expectations of our school. Getting transition right is really important to us and we value your opinion on how we can support getting this right.

We will look forward to seeing you soon and your joining #TEAMTorbridge, but if you do have any urgent concerns or questions, please contact me and/or our Head of Year 7 at: [joconnell@torbridge.net](mailto:joconnell@torbridge.net) and [ajcretch@torbridge.net](mailto:ajcretch@torbridge.net).

Yours sincerely,

James O'Connell  
Deputy Head