



# Noadswood

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am super excited to be writing to you after National Offer Day on 3<sup>rd</sup> March to issue the hugest welcome to «First\_Name» and you to the Noadswood family. I am so delighted that «Pronoun» will be coming to join us, and that you will be a part of our community, too, as we all work together to create the future story of our school - if you're not already, through an older sibling or two, of course!

I love welcoming our new students to our school, because I get to tell «First\_Name» about all the opportunities that there will be on offer: «First\_Name» will work hard and do well academically with all the subjects that «Pronoun» is passionate about, in our rich curriculum that has at its heart our commitment to «First\_Name». It is delivered by specialist staff who love their subjects and who love bringing them to life for young people. «First\_Name» will also have an amazing time, because of all the enrichment life outside of the classroom: from our Summer Camp before they start with us, and then, once here, in sport, gym and dance, drama, music, art clubs, charity work, our Wellbeing Ambassador and ELSA schemes, our Military Group, our Self-Esteem Workshops, our Young Carers group, our subject clubs and clinics after school, our Homework Club, our Library Leaders and our Year 7 trips and activities. I could go on and on: it is going to be fantastic and we will ensure «First\_Name» can blend being brilliantly looked after, with having great fun in and outside the classroom and making super progress with «Pronoun\_2» learning.

In addition, if there is something «First\_Name» wants to do that is not on our list, we want to hear about it. I enjoy the way our students' ideas and enthusiasms take the school forward as they become mini leaders and develop their independence and their maturity; all within the safety of a Tutor Group and membership of a House: Anderwood, Deerleap, Knightwood or Wilverley.

In terms of a few highlights, right now, we are coming to the end of Noadswood Kinda Week – a lovely week (or two!) of celebrating what we like and value in each other. We rounded off last half term with a Y7 and 8 Valentine's Bake Off to raise money for charity, all the idea of a Y7 student, polished off with the Parent Staff Association Valentine's Disco in the evening. The singing along and cheering rocked the rafters, I promise you! Talking of singing, my magnificent Key Stage 3 choir is also rocking the rafters, as we prepare for our fundraising evening for the school a group of us are visiting in Rwanda in June, and for our wonderful Spring Concert. We have such a good time, honestly.

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As well as all that, the students are eagerly preparing for our school production of *Beauty and the Beast*, many students are representing Noadswood in sport, locally, nationally and internationally, others are excited to go on the various trips we have coming up and many are simply doing what so many of our students do best: having a good day, and creating a good atmosphere around the place so that we can all do well.

To end this term, along with the concert I mentioned, many students will also amaze us in our Gym and Dance Show, having smashed out an amazing performance in 'Dance Live!' not long ago. I wonder what the enthusiasms will be for «First\_Name»? I really want to hear about them, and it will not be long now before I can.

Of equal importance to me is hearing about what matters to you and working closely with you – you can get in touch, from now, about anything you like (an idea, a question, a worry) at our dedicated email box, [movingup@noadswood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:movingup@noadswood.hants.sch.uk) – which I will oversee with other members of the Senior and Pastoral teams. You can use this for any questions or queries you might have about Noadswood, our transition process or if you just want to get in touch and introduce yourself. We'd love to hear from you.

We would equally love to get to know your children, and they can use this email address, too, with things they want to ask, things they'd like to do when they join us or with just fun they'd like to share – we do particularly enjoy pet pictures and pictures of baking and nature! Please tell them this email address is for them as much as for us adults.

We know that they will need our support as much as our expertise, not only as they join us but as they work through the good times and the challenges of secondary school life – I want them to know from the start that we do understand that they are all unique; they all need to be accepted as they are, and they all have the right to the care that will best suit them.

We recognise that we may not hit the sweet spot for that all the time, and that things might go wrong. We also know that getting into secondary school in 2025 is a different concept from before the pandemic, and that those wobbles and anxieties are real. You need the reassurance that if any or all of that's the case, we will be open to your questions, your suggestions and your concerns – always. Your child's Tutor, their Assistant Year Leader and Year Leaders, our wider Pastoral Team, all of our Leadership Team and I are here for you to address those moments together, until things are resolved and they feel right again.



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You will also be able to join our Parent/Staff Association, our Key Stage 3 Parent Forum or our Trust Board (Governors) - or you will be able to pop in for a cuppa at our morning get togethers or at any time you need to make an appointment and talk. If you'd like to come and see me, or join any one of those activities before «First\_Name» starts here, don't hesitate to drop us an email and we will get you involved immediately!

Nothing beats the time I spend hearing your thoughts about our school and when we work together to make it the best it can be for «First\_Name» and you, because of the quality of the insights and experience you bring – this makes us a thriving community. In ongoingly turbulent times for our country and indeed our world, I want us to do our all to be at the heart of creating the best, most enriching, most honest and most caring community we can. This is so we can empower our young people to make their way to their ambitions, confidently, safely and with a good sense of self to deal with whatever is out there, and so I want to end this letter with something I truly believe in:



Let's create a vibrant future for «First\_Name» in our school together!

We would like to start the information sharing and gathering process with you now, so please click on the link below to take you to our first form.

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Our annual Summer Camp will run on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 from 9.00 am to 2.15 pm. This is a completely free event and a fantastic opportunity for your child to meet new friends, experience our school, and meet our staff and pupils in a more relaxed way.



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If «First\_Name» would be interested in attending our Summer Camp please complete this form by the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025: <https://forms.office.com/e/fU2c0ggHwh>

If you would like to know more about our 'moving up' support and dates please visit our dedicated page: [Moving Up Information | Noadswood school](#)

You will soon be hearing from our Admissions Team, who will take you through everything that needs to happen next, but for now, as I say, it's the warmest welcome to the new Year 7 2025 from me – I cannot wait to meet you and «First\_Name».

With all best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Kathryn Marshall

Headteacher