

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your family are well and beginning to feel excited about starting with us in September. We are all looking forward to meeting our new students and to getting to know you also.

We are now writing to update you on the work that has been going on behind the scenes in preparation for your daughter(s) joining us. Since you accepted your child's place at Northampton School for Girls, we have been in close contact with all the primary schools. This is so that we can learn as much as we can about your daughter to ensure we make their start with us as positive, proactive and supportive as possible. I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Primary schools for their collaboration and work towards this.

We would also like to update you, and your daughter, on some key dates and information regarding transition days and upcoming events.

## Transition Days

Traditionally, we host annual transition days for upcoming Year 7 students to gain a full experience of the school 'in action', as well as have another opportunity to begin to feel part of the 'NSG community'. However, the most recent health and safety guidance from the Department of Education, specifically in regards to the mixing of bubbles from different primary schools, has meant that the logistics of the transition days needs to be carefully considered to ensure that we adhere to the recommended guidelines. If the Government's recovery roadmap continues as planned, with the 21<sup>st</sup> June set as the key date for restrictions to be lifted, it is our intention to go ahead as planned and invite all our future students into school for a face-to-face induction session during the **week beginning Monday 5th July**. However, in light of concerns surrounding the new variant and rising cases within the local area we are currently approaching this with caution, care and a measured plan. At this time, we are still awaiting updated guidance in relation to activities such as transition days from the Department of Education. Once this has been released to schools, we will contact you again to update you on the exact details of this transition day events.

## Welcome Evening

On **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July**, we are delighted to be able to welcome you to a virtual 'Welcome Evening'; this online event will include a presentation from the Headteacher, Mrs Taboada-Nava and from myself, as Head of Academic Standards, and also provide you with the opportunity to meet your daughter's tutor, receive key information about starting in September and to ask any questions. Further details about this event will be sent to you after the half term break.

## Summer School

Each year NSG runs a summer event and I am pleased to announce that this year will be no different with our upcoming 'NSG Carnival'. We are hoping that as many of your children will be able to join us as possible. The



Summer Carnival will be a free event for our students and run from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August, 9:30am to 3:30pm daily. This is particularly exciting as not only will it offer our new Year 7 students the opportunity to have an extra special experience of NSG before they start in September but also to meet fellow members of their tutor group and enjoy a wide range of exciting and fun activities! We are currently finalising the plans for this event and more information, including details of the activities taking place, will be shared with you in coming weeks.

If you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,



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