

March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Confirmation of Place at Houlton School for September 2021

Congratulations to you and your child on securing one of the first ever places at Houlton School for September 2021. We cannot wait to welcome pupils to our brand new, state of the art campus, underpinned by a heritage of almost 100 years as a global centre of excellence for communication; we take over custodianship of the Grade II listed buildings at Houlton with pride and are so pleased you will be joining our extended Houlton family.

This letter is to confirm that Warwickshire County Council have informed us that you have accepted a place for your child to join us here at Houlton School.

You will find enclosed with this letter a Pupil Welcome Pack, which tells you and your child a little more about us and the journey towards opening our doors. The transition experience with us may differ slightly from other schools in the area, both because of the restrictions in place due to the global pandemic, but also the nature of joining a brand new school. Rest assured, though, we will guide you every step of the way.

Our campus is on schedule to be handed over to us in its entirety on 10 August 2021, so we will have plenty of time to get on site and start making formal preparations to welcome you and your child to our exciting facilities. Meanwhile, we are based at our partner-school, Ashlawn, so the team will be making all the necessary preparations from there to welcome your child in August, when we will have full campus-tours and induction activities in place before settling into the rhythm of secondary school life.

We have now recruited all our new teachers for September and their details can be found on our website. Most of your child's lessons will be taught by Houlton team members. In our first year, we are lucky to be able to work closely with our friends and colleagues at Ofsted Outstanding Ashlawn School, just down the road. Your child will be taught by specialist, qualified teachers across the curriculum, right from day one. As we grow, our local Houlton team will too, so by the time your child reaches Year 8, all of their teachers will likely be based at Houlton full time.

We will shortly be sending you an update newsletter introducing you to the Teaching, Student Experience, SEND and support teams. We will also send out a very important electronic data collection form, from which we will be able to collect all of the essential information we need in order to prepare for your child to start with us later this year.

We hope to be able to visit all of our new pupils at their primary schools at some point during the summer term, though this will depend upon the changing situation in relation to national and local restrictions; should this not be possible, we will work closely with our primary school colleagues, and remote-access, to ensure as smooth a transition as possible to us.

Please do take a look at the brochure along with your child, and we will be back in touch soon with more detailed information about our transition arrangements, including an exciting opportunity to complete the Houlton discovery transition materials and earn special rewards points before your child even sets foot on campus! It's an exciting time for all of us.

Welcome to the Houlton family. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need to ask any further questions and we hope you all remain safe and well.

Yours faithfully



Michael McCulley
Principal



Chloe Buckenham
Vice Principal