



**Kemnal
Technology
College**

June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

September 2020 Starters – Transition

We wish to write to welcome you and your child to Kemnal Technology College and say that we are excited that you plan to join our community in September 2020. We realise that this may be an unsettling time for many of you. In addition to the usual nerves and emotions around your child starting secondary school, there are also the worries that the current situation brings. Please be assured that we are thinking of you and planning, in any way we can, for your arrival with us to be the best it can be.

Normally, we would be planning dates for the transition process. These include; visiting primary schools to meet your children at their current school, inviting families in to look around, scheduling transition days so that our new students could experience taster lessons and holding open evenings so that parents could meet key members of staff before you officially start with us in September. Unfortunately, due to the current circumstances, much of this may not be possible. Although many of you will have seen our site and met with our staff on our open days before you applied, we understand how upsetting it is that these opportunities may not be there for you at this time.

Therefore, we write to reassure you that your children are already in our minds. While we cannot do what we would like, we will do all that we can to help your children transition as smoothly as possible. Over the coming weeks, we will be contacting your primary schools on order to request information on your children's strengths, needs and personalities so that we can try to begin to get to know them. We will also be asking you as parents to complete an online form about your child so we can get your input too.

In the event that we are unable to invite you into school before September, our plans include releasing virtual content to allow our new students to feel more at home at KTC. These will be available in July in place of the traditional transition days. These will be uploaded on a special area of our website, on a tab titled 'New Year 7 – Sept 2020'. These will involve:

- *A photograph tour of the Year 7 Block
- *Faces to learn and what roles we do
- *A video message from the form tutors, Mrs Gold and Mr Cavanagh
- *Info around FAQs

We hope that this information offers you and your child some reassurance and that you can take comfort in the knowledge that we are thinking about your child's arrival with us at KTC. We will be in touch but in the meantime we would like to wish you and your family all the best. We can't wait to welcome you in person.

Yours faithfully,

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