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Dear Parents/Carers

We are delighted that you have chosen Finham Park 2 to further your child's education.

Like Finham Park, our new school will encourage hard work and achievement whilst striving for a purposeful and caring ethos. We will provide a broad balanced curriculum that is taught in a stimulating and challenging manner. Students follow the requirements of the National Curriculum at Key Stage 3 and then will begin their Key Stage 4 courses in year 9. In addition, considerable emphasis is placed on an imaginative Personal and Social Education Programme that will foster self-confidence and independence.

The change from primary school to secondary school marks an important stage in your child's education and we aim to help to make the transition experience as positive as possible. An outline of the programme of activities for you and your child to participate in over the spring and summer months is given below.

Staff and Governors at Finham Park 2 look forward to working in partnership with you and your child. We trust that time spent with us will be enjoyable and challenging in itself, and an effective preparation for adult life.

April/ May:

Mr Plester, Headteacher and Mrs Brake, Assistant Headteacher, will be visiting our partner primary schools to speak to year 6 pupils coming to us in September and their teachers to answer any questions they have about their transition to Finham Park 2.

The Special Educational Needs team will make additional visits to ensure that we are fully informed about pupils with special educational needs and those who may need additional transition support.

Mid-May:

You will receive a further letter from us containing more detailed information about the transition day and new parents' evening. It will ask you to complete our Student Information Form, preferred choice of Modern Foreign Language studied, Consent for Use of Images and Afternoon Tea invite.

23 June

4.30 - 6.00pm

Afternoon tea at Finham Park School - an opportunity to meet some of the Finham Park 2 team, students, eat some cake, have a cup of tea and play some rounders!

Wed 6 July:

8.40 - 3.15pm

All of our new pupils will be spending the day at Finham Park School (our current site on Green Lane) meeting Finham Park 2 staff and experiencing the school: this is important in making the transition to us as smooth as possible.

6:30 - 7:30pm

New Parents Evening: for all parents of new Year 7 students (in the Theatre at Finham Park School, Green Lane)

We hope that this programme will ensure that most of your queries are answered and that during it you will find the necessary opportunities to talk to those whom you need to see.

All of us at Finham Park 2 are very much looking forward to working with you and your children.

Yours sincerely

Russell Plester
Headteacher