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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Swanwick Hall School!

Our mission is to provide students with opportunities and experiences to enhance their life choices, and thus help them to make a positive contribution to the world that we share. Life at Swanwick Hall is underpinned by three core values:

1. Inclusivity
2. Resilience
3. Respect

We are delighted that you have chosen Swanwick Hall as the school for your child's next phase of education and we look forward to welcoming them into our community.

Year 7 is a very special year for the young people who join us. It marks the move from a relatively small school to a much larger one. Their new environment is quite different from their earlier one but there is one thing their old and new school have in common: supporting their personal development and their enjoyment of and success in learning. Our purpose is to make their first year an enjoyable and positive experience. This prepares them for a very exciting journey, full of challenges and opportunities. We aim to ensure that every student at Swanwick Hall fulfils their potential and has the opportunity to develop as an individual, as well as gaining the skills and knowledge to ensure success in public examinations. We see the partnership between parents/carers and the school as vital to ensuring this success and we look forward to developing this partnership in order to support your child's development over the next few years. We look forward to meeting your son or daughter on our transition days when our new starters will have the chance to meet their form tutor, get to know their new classmates and the school and to ask any questions they might have about secondary school.

Information

We have produced this Welcome Pack for parents and students which I hope you will find informative and helpful in plenty of time for your son or daughter joining us in September. We will also hope to see you at one of our face-to-face evenings. Should you still have any questions please do not hesitate to contact school using enquiries@swanwickhall.ttct.sch.uk and a member of transition team will get back to you.

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It would assist us greatly if you would **return the Admission Form as soon as possible**. The Admission Form is particularly important to ensure that we have accurate information about our students on our system when they start with us to assist with the efficient organisation of the school and each individual's educational and medical needs.

Please ensure that we have at least one alternative emergency contact, including telephone number. If there are several adults who have parental responsibility for your child, for example in separated families or where grandparents help to look after children, please provide additional details of all of these adults. If you would prefer that some of the information be kept confidential, please send a note in a sealed envelope.

Transition days

We will be welcoming our new starters into school on **Monday 27th June** and **Thursday 7th July**. Your child should arrive for 8:50am and make their way to the dining hall where they will be greeted by the Year 7 team. The dining hall is located at the bottom of the site and Year 6 students should come through the bottom entrance located near the lay-by. We know getting lost on the first day is often a concern so please be reassured that there will be a large number of staff ready to greet students and show them where to go.

The days are designed to leave students feeling confident about joining us. Our new starters will get the opportunity to get to know one another, learn about the site and our expectations and experience a taste of secondary school lessons. The transition days will end at 15:00. Parents/carers will need to organise their child's transportation to and from Swanwick Hall. If you collect your child, you will need to wait outside the school premises.

The transition days are our first opportunity to welcome your child as a student of Swanwick Hall School and we would like to see them looking smart. Your child should wear:

- their normal school trousers / skirt / shorts.
- their school shoes.
- a smart/plain top or sweatshirt from their wardrobe (no football shirts or tops linked to film, TV or music).

Your child will also need to bring writing equipment on both the transition days and we recommend they bring a snack and a drink for break time. Students are allowed to drink water in lessons.

Lunch will be provided to **all** children free of charge on both the transition days, although your child is welcome to bring a packed lunch if they prefer.

Allergies / health conditions

We work closely with primary schools to learn about your child but if your child has an allergy or other health issue which may require medication or a care plan, then we would like to discuss this with you directly. Please ring school and ask to speak to Mrs Parkin or you can email her Kate.Parkin@swanwickhall.ttct.co.uk. In the event Mrs Parkin is not in school, please ask to speak to Mrs Foulkes or email her Jackie.Foulkes@swanwickhall.ttct.co.uk

Parent/Carers event

We would like to welcome you to an information evening where we will give you more details about school life and answer any questions you may have. The relationship between school and home over the next five years is extremely important and so we would like to meet all parents/carers face-to-face before your child joins us in September. We hope you can attend one of the dates below, but if not, we will suggest an alternative time to talk with a member of the senior team.



To manage the numbers, we will be hosting the event twice and inviting parents from specific schools to come to the evening allocated, **wherever possible**.

| Wednesday 29th June | Thursday 30th June |
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| Swanwick Primary school Ironville and Codnor Park Heage | Riddings Junior school Sommerlea Park Juniors |
| Primary schools C-H Christ the King - Howitt Primary Community school | Primary schools J-W Jacksdale Primary and nursery school - Woodbridge Junior school |

These events will begin in the **dining hall at 17:30**.

Summer school

The summer school will run the week commencing 22nd August 2022 and will be open to all our new starters. Mr Greateorex, who ran a very successful and popular summer school last year, will be in touch soon with details about the summer school and how you can request a place for your child.

We hope that you find this welcome pack helpful and we look forward to working with you and your child in the near future.

Yours sincerely



Jonathan Fawcett
Headteacher

