

Personalised letter sent by email to Year 7 September 2020 students on Monday 22.06.2020

Dear Student

I am very pleased to hear that you are joining us at Northampton School *for Boys* in September. **You will be in Form []** which is part of [] House. You may not know anyone in your Form but we are confident you will very quickly make new friends and therefore should not be concerned about this.

To help you settle in and to get to know the school we have created a number of documents and short video clips which are available through the school website. There will be video updates over the remaining weeks that will include a number staff and governor welcomes and introductions, interviews with students from a number of year groups and a virtual tour from a student perspective. **Please make sure you check the webpage each week.**

There is also a transition booklet on the webpage which answers a number of questions you may have, and an area for your parents in which they can find additional information on starting at Northampton School *for Boys*.

[Click here to go to the website.](#)

When you start school in September we will utilise the first week to help you settle in by having extra time in your Form class and doing some orientation exercises to help you find your way around. In the first week we will also complete some challenges to help us assess your current ability in Maths (Numeracy) and English (Literacy).

The plan for the first day of school in September is currently as follows:

- Aim to arrive here by 8.30 am (The school doors are opened from 7:50am), and go through the Cripps Hall entrance straight into the Theatre, there will be members of staff outside to show you where to go.
- You should wear your NSB school uniform but at this point you will not have your year stripe or tie (These will be given to you on this day). You can look on the transition guidance for an example of normal school uniform.
- Please bring with you **pens and pencils, a maths set and a calculator**. If some of these are a struggle we can advise on how to get these. During the first week there is a day that you will be asked to bring in a **set of headphones**. There is **NO PE kit required on the first day**.
- During the first morning you will have a scan of your fingerprint and your photograph taken; you will then be shown how to add money to your Cashless Catering account so that you can purchase food at lunchtime. This will be cleaned after each student has used it. You can, of course, bring a packed lunch if you prefer. You may like to bring a snack for break as no food will be available to buy until after you have had your finger scanned. The school meal will cost approximately £2.60. A copy of the menu for an example week is available to see on the website.
- You will spend the first part of the day in your Form group where you will complete a range of activities to help you find your way around the school. There will be an inter-house fun event where we expect all boys to be involved at some point. At lunchtime there will be an opportunity to take part in a range of activities. At NSB you will stay on site for lunch and have either a school meal or your packed lunch.

I look forward to meeting you in September for what I am sure will be the start of a happy and successful time with us. If you are worried or anxious about your start please contact the school with the help of your parents and we will help alleviate some of those anxieties.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Kneeshaw
Deputy Headteacher