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Dear student,

In light of the current situation with the COVID-19 pandemic, I am writing to update you on your transition to Beaumont School as your new Head of Year. Firstly and most importantly, I hope that both you and your families are keeping well. In these challenging and uncertain times, I hope that this letter reassures you that we are doing everything we can to ensure that your move to secondary school is as smooth and enjoyable as possible. Although it might sound strange, some things haven't changed at all! It remains to be the case that we are delighted that you have chosen Beaumont as your secondary school and we are excited for you to experience what school life is like here. Unfortunately, however, it looks very likely that we are going to have to make some changes to our calendar of transition events. If you have older siblings or if you have looked at last year's information on our website, then you are probably already aware that we normally offer the following:

1. **Primary transition visit** - either myself or another member of senior staff would visit you at your primary school between April and June, spending time both with you and your teacher. As part of this session, you would also have the opportunity to indicate who you would like to be in a form group with if you know other students also joining Beaumont.
2. **'Welcome to Year 7' Evening** - this evening involves a talk led by your new Headteacher, Mr Atkinson and a session with your new Form Tutor. There would also be activities to help you learn more about the day-to-day elements of school life, including uniform and food.
3. **Year 7 Transition Day** - on this day, you would have your first assembly at Beaumont, followed by a range of activities with your Form Group to help you settle in. You would also experience some exciting lessons in the subjects you will study next year.

As schools in England are currently closed and the lockdown period has been extended, it is likely that some or all of these events will be affected. Where possible, we will be changing the format of the sessions so that disruption is kept to an absolute minimum. Here are our current plans:

1. **Primary transition visit** - Instead of visiting your primary school personally, I will be making contact with your teacher(s) electronically and I have written to them this week to start arrangements for this. Instead of meeting you in person, I will be recording the presentation I would normally give and make it available on our website. The section that you should be looking at can be found here: <https://beaumontschool.com/welcome-to-year-7/>. If you have any questions, either you or your parents/carers are welcome to email me using the following address: transition@beaumont.school. Normally you would indicate up to three people that you would like to be paired with in your new form group by completing a card. As this is not possible, please complete this short Google Form instead (<https://forms.gle/bZo1UFbVRiD4K5y88>). You are not guaranteed to get every person that you put down, but I always do my absolute best to ensure you get at least one of your choices. Choice '1' is your first preference, followed by choices '2' and '3'. It is important that you





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do do this by Friday 21 May 2020 as any submissions after this date may mean your choices cannot be accommodated. If you do not know anyone else coming to Beaumont in September, please complete the form anyway so you can indicate your interests and hobbies.

2. **'Welcome to Year 7' Evening** - This event is currently scheduled to take place on Thursday 25th June. If this evening is cancelled, we will instead prepare electronic resources to replace the sessions you would otherwise have completed. Mr Atkinson's speech will be recorded and made available online and we are exploring ways that we can help you get to know your form tutor (and help them to get to know you too!). I will write again with further information at a later date.
3. **Year 7 Transition Day** - in the event that you are not able to visit Beaumont in July, we will make alternative arrangements for you at the start of the Autumn term. Although it is less than ideal, I am confident that you won't be disadvantaged if this day needs to take place in September after we return from the summer break.

I hope that this letter has been a useful update for you and I will continue to keep you informed as things progress. In the meantime, I wish you all the best as you continue to adapt to studying remotely. I hope also that you stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Gray
Head of Year 7

