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## **A Message to Our Future Year 7 Students**

Hello Future Year 7,

In September, you will begin an exciting new chapter as you join us at Burnley High School. Secondary school is a big step and it is completely normal to feel a mixture of excitement, curiosity and even a few nerves.

Starting something new takes courage. The important thing to know is that you do not have to do it alone.

What matters most is not how ready you feel now, but your willingness to try and keep going. You have already shown that you can learn, grow and overcome challenges and Year 7 will give you even more opportunities to do exactly that.

At secondary school, you will:

- Study new subjects
- Meet new teachers
- Build new friendships
- Discover talents you may not even know you have yet

We will encourage you to aim high, attend every day, work hard and show kindness. Every student is capable of meeting these expectations and we will support you as you grow in confidence and independence.

You will have a Form Tutor who sees you every day. You will have teachers who want you to succeed. And you will always have adults you can speak to if something feels difficult or worrying.

You do not need to have everything figured out before September. You just need to be willing to try, to ask questions and to keep going - even when something feels new or challenging.

Over the coming months, you can start preparing for Year 7 by practising independence: packing your bag each day, remembering what you need for school, managing homework and small tasks independently. Year 7 is about stepping up, learning new skills, and becoming more confident in yourself.

I am truly looking forward to meeting you and beginning this journey together.

See you soon,

Miss Withnell  
Head of Year 7

