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Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to welcome your child as a new learner in September 2024 at St James Academy, part of Dudley Academies Trust. St James Academy is a rapidly improving school with a friendly and polite atmosphere that characterises our learners' behaviour and attitude. As the Principal, I am extremely proud of what we have to offer and I am confident that our provision is of high quality. Above all, I am committed to ensuring that your child will have the best possible life chances as a result of a first-class educational experience.

Since joining the Trust in 2019, St James is the most improved school in the Borough for grades achieved at GCSE and for passing Maths and English at Grade 5 or above. In fact, the proportion of learners achieving Grade 5 or higher in both English and Mathematics has doubled! Learners who come to St James make positive progress during their time at the academy, progress that is both above the national average and above the average for Dudley.

Your child's move from Year 6 to Year 7 is a very exciting time. However, I recognise that it is a period of great change and that your child may understandably experience some anxiety. I can reassure you that our transition process is highly effective and places all new learners' wellbeing at the heart of all that we do.

You are likely to have questions about many aspects of the transition from primary school to secondary: for example, uniform and equipment, school lunches and learning support. I can confirm that all this information and much more will be provided by our Transition Lead in due course. In July, we will hold Induction days for our new learners to meet their Year 7 teachers and classmates, followed by an evening event for parents/carers. Information will also be available via our academy website and social media platforms.

If you require any additional information or have any questions, please contact our Transition Lead, [Insert name] via emailing [Insert email] or telephoning [Insert number]. In the meantime, please follow us on our social media platforms, where you will gain a great insight into the life of our learners at St James Academy.

I very much look forward to meeting you and your child in the near future.

Yours faithfully,

Mr I Moore
Principal

