



13th May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted that your child has secured a place at Cathedral Academy from September 2020, and look forward to welcoming them into our school community.

It is an exciting time to join the academy. We are top of the school league tables in Wakefield and the surrounding area, with our results placing us in the top 10% of schools in the country for the last three years. We have a focus on every student's holistic development, with more opportunities and support available to our students next year than we have ever had before. We are extremely proud that this was recognised by the Times Education Supplement who, in 2019, acknowledged us as their 'Secondary School of the Year'.

I would usually be writing to you at this stage to invite your child to our Induction Day and you to our Induction Evening. As it stands, in these unprecedented times, we do not know whether this can go ahead. If the decision is made that it can, I will write to you with an invitation and full details of the day in due course.

Nearer to the summer break you will receive a comprehensive welcome pack from us. This will detail our expectations, the exciting initiatives and opportunities that we encourage your child to take full advantage of, and information surrounding practicalities such as uniform lists and free school meals.

For now, I just wanted to suggest some resources that will support your child in their transition to us. We do not expect your child to complete all of the below but it is important that they try to remain in a school routine. Revisiting and learning key knowledge through this period will be really beneficial to them as they progress in their studies. Please use your judgement to how much of this is suitable to be completed alongside anything that is being set by your child's class teacher – we understand that this varies between different schools.

[bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://bbc.co.uk/bitesize) – by clicking through the 'Daily lessons' tab, this site releases 3 lessons per day for students to access in Year 6

[thenational.academy](http://thenational.academy) – by clicking through the 'Classroom' tab, this site releases 3 lessons per day for students to access in Year 6

At Cathedral Academy, we also recognise the importance of reading. It would be beneficial if your child could read as much as possible during their time away from school; books, magazines, newspapers and online articles would be great. We look forward to hearing all about what they have chosen to read, what they enjoyed the most and giving them recommendations in our library. Of course, not everyone will have enough physical books to read so the following websites should help with this.

[openlibrary.org](http://openlibrary.org)

[play.google.com](http://play.google.com)

[dogonews.com](http://dogonews.com)

[kitaboo.com](http://kitaboo.com)

We really look forward to meeting you and your child and to welcoming you into the Cathedral Academy community.

Yours sincerely,

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