



Dear Student

Welcome to Friesland School. We hope that you are all looking forward to joining us in September and starting on your exciting journey with us for the next five (or maybe even seven) years. We are certainly looking forward to meeting you and welcoming you to our wonderful school.

This is obviously a very different and strange time to be leaving your primary school and moving up to Friesland. What would already be a significant moment in your life has changed dramatically due to the Coronavirus and school closures. A different start to your time at Friesland does not mean that it won't still be a brilliant start, however. We will still make sure that we look after you; introducing you to your new teachers, a new way of working and all of your new friends. Please don't worry about how your introduction to your new school may have changed, it will still be an enjoyable and rewarding time, and we will make sure that you don't miss out in any way.

When your lessons start, we want you to push yourselves during your time at Friesland, helping to develop further the challenging and exciting work that you will have completed at your primary schools. Most of you will have visited Friesland several times during Year 5 and will already know some of our staff and the layout of the school. Similarly, our staff may have visited your school at different times, including during your year 6. We want to help you to develop into independent young people who push to reach and exceed your potential. Our wonderful teachers and all our other staff cannot wait to meet you and to help you achieve your goals and dreams.

Looking after you is our top priority whilst you are at Friesland. We want you to be happy and feel safe at school, and will always support you as best we can in whatever ways we can. In return for that support, we expect you to live up to our Friesland values of respect; respecting each other, the rules of the school and the values of our community. Working together there are no limits to what we can achieve.

I look forward to meeting and speaking to you during your time with us. Be positive and take advantage of every exciting opportunity Friesland has to offer, both during and after school. Our aim is for you is that you leave Friesland with the best range of qualifications you can achieve, ready for further education, training or the world of work. You will always be a Friesland student, for the rest of your life, so make sure you can look back on your time with us with real pride, knowing that you always tried your best. Let's make your Year 7 our most successful year group ever!

Best Wishes

Mr C Patterson
Headteacher