

Dear Students,

I am delighted that you will be joining Wellsway School in September and am looking forward to meeting you in person soon. I am writing to you today to tell you a little bit about myself and to let you know about some of things that you can look forward to when you start at Wellsway.

My name is Mr Knowles and my role at Wellsway School is Assistant Principal: Culture and Ethos; this is a great job which involves working with some brilliant people to make sure that Wellsway is a place where you feel happy and safe and also a place where you can really enjoy learning.

Some of the people that I work closely with at Wellsway are Mr Comber, Assistant-Vice Principal: Student Support and the four Heads of House, Mr Ive (Burnett House), Mr Stirling-Turner (Compton House), Mr Tanner (Newton House) and Miss Davies (Stanton House). We are all brilliantly supported by a fantastic team of Learning Mentors and Pastoral Support Staff. Don't worry, you will get to meet everybody soon!

Moving from primary school to secondary school can make you feel a little nervous, particularly after spending the last few months learning from home but please do not worry. Wellsway is a great school, full of great people that are ready to help you feel welcome in your new school. One of the best pieces of advice that I can offer to anybody joining a new school in September is to get involved with the extra-curricular life of the school. At Wellsway we are fortunate to have a wide range of activities available for students and this is a great way to meet new people and make new friends. This is one aspect of school life that I am looking forward to seeing you enjoy through my role as Assistant Principal. Below is a list of some of the other things that you can look forward to at Wellsway in addition to your lessons:

- House competitions – test yourself alongside students in different Houses across all subjects
- Celebration assemblies – we use House and whole-school assemblies to celebrate your success
- Community action week – work together with your tutor group to raise money for good causes
- School Production – work with students from all year groups to put on a great show
- Extra-curricular activities – meet new people and learn new skills in a range of clubs across all subjects
- Sporting fixtures – have fun playing a range of new sports
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Over the next few weeks our plan is to keep in touch with you and your parents/carers and to provide you with all the information that you need so that you feel confident and excited about starting at your new school. I hope that you are looking forward to starting at Wellsway as much as we are looking forward to having you.

Kind regards,

**Simon Knowles**

***Assistant Principal: Culture and Ethos***