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Dear Student

## **WELCOME TO WATH ACADEMY**

I am delighted that you will be attending Wath Academy in September.

You are entering a very exciting time in your life, as you prepare to leave your primary school and look forward to secondary school. Joining Wath Academy is certainly something we hope that you are looking forward to but I know it may also be daunting. We also recognise the significant challenges of the past two years and we would like to reassure you that we will be doing everything we can to provide a smooth transition into secondary school. Therefore, we have transition events taking place over the coming months that will allow you to get to know our school, staff and students before September.

The standards and expectations are high for both staff and students, and all contribute towards an excellent and enjoyable learning experience in which we hope you create memories that last a lifetime. Our aim is to ensure that you leave Wath Academy with the qualifications, skills and characteristics that will enable you to go on to achieve great things and to live a successful and fulfilling life.

We are also passionate about our competition based house system. You will be allocated one of the six houses: Athens, Carthage, Rome, Sparta, Thebes or Troy. Every student is a member of one of the houses and competes to earn points for their house. Students can earn points for attendance and progress, as well as for taking part in a whole range of house activities that take place throughout the year. You name it, we've got a competition to enable everyone to get involved. We want every student to develop the character, grit and determination to enable them to compete and experience what it feels like to be part of a successful team, as well as getting first-hand experiences of team camaraderie and team spirit.

The house system is just one part of our wider curriculum offer, we hope you take part in some of our enrichment activities, trips and sports teams which we look forward to starting again in September.

Finally, thank you once again for choosing Wath Academy, we are very excited to have you as a student and we look forward to meeting you very soon.

Yours sincerely

Mr Ransome **Principal**