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## Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted to confirm the offer of a place for your child at Montsaye Academy previously sent to you by the Local Authority. We look forward to welcoming your child and to working in partnership with you to ensure that they make the most of the fantastic opportunities offered at the Academy.

We fully recognise that it has been a challenging few months but rest assured that we are working with your child's primary school to ensure their smooth transition to secondary.

As we enter into 'The Next Era' at Montsaye Academy, I wanted to assure you that there has been a sustained focus on high expectations to ensure that we are all continuing to move forwards and look for ways to improve all of the time. Staff have been working together across departments and developing curriculum plans right the way from Year 7 to Year 13. Our curriculum is broad, balanced and built around our learners. Our school values of Excellence, Resilience and Aspiration are well embedded into the school ethos, with students enjoying ERA days that provide opportunities and learning beyond their academic lessons. These include a range of trips, clubs, CCF (cadets) and Duke of Edinburgh. These opportunities develop well-rounded students who complete their education here, well equipped to cope with life after school.

We will await further government guidance and until then please note the following date in your diaries **Monday 5th July 2021**, which is currently scheduled as a transition day. In the meantime, you can access our transition videos via the dedicated page on our website: <a href="Year 6 Transition - Montsaye">Year 6 Transition - Montsaye</a>. You will receive further details via your child's current school nearer the time. Our staff will also be working closely with primary colleagues, parent support advisers and of course yourselves to make the transfer to secondary education a smooth one.

We very much encourage you to follow us on Twitter (<a href="twitter@montsaye">twitter@montsaye</a>) and Facebook (<a href="mailto:Montsaye Academy | Facebook">Montsaye Academy | Facebook</a>), where we share lots of useful, informative and interesting highlights and details about the school. Watch this space for our shortly to be introduced Instagram account!

We are really looking forward to your child being part of our wonderful school community.

Yours faithfully

Meena Gabbi **Principal** 

