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Dear Year 7 students,

*From this day to the ending of the world,
But we in it shall be rememberèd—
We few, we happy few, we band of brothers;*
Shakespeare's Henry V

Welcome to William Ellis – the school, the community, the family. From the first day you come to this school, you will feel a sense of belonging and you will feel cared for. William Ellis is a very special place. Our school doors open for you and are *always* open for you. You are joining a school that is small, compared to many secondary schools, but has a big heart. We have great ambitions for your success and future happiness.

Your time at William Ellis will nurture you and let you grow, and to be the boy and young man that you want to be. You will have memorable learning experiences in and outside the classroom. You will build strong friendships and trusting relationships with your teachers. You will be challenged and supported in your learning and develop strong physical and mental health. That is what William Ellis, the man who founded the school, thought in 1862 and it is still true today.

A Native American proverb (a saying) is: "*We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children*" This is true of William Ellis – it is a community that you join, and your contributions make it a better place for those who will follow you.

A Year 11 student just completing his GCSE assessments said, "*I do believe that our experience at William Ellis School has equipped us to face up to these challenges as we become adults*". Together, we will work with you and your families to make our community stronger and enable you to succeed.

I hope that you feel excited, curious, and calm about joining William Ellis in 2021. As soon as you arrive, I'm sure you will become confident that it is the best place you could possibly be.

We can't wait to see you and get to know you.

Best wishes

Izzy Jones, Headteacher