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## ILFORD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome to Ilford County High School! We are looking forward to seeing you in September. I expect you are both excited and nervous about starting a new school and that you will have lots of questions about what life at ICHS is like.

In the meantime, I thought you might like to read some of the things our current pupils said about starting at a new school. It should remind you that although closing one chapter of your life and opening a new one can be scary it is also an amazing opportunity.

### **Making friends...**

*"I remember when it was my first day at ICHS. None of my primary school mates succeeded. I was very privileged but very nervous. Once we got into our forms, everyone was in the same boat, we made friends and got together really quickly."*

*"At first it will be quite scary as the school will feel different to your previous school. But if you take every day as it comes and be friendly you will make many friends and be really successful."*

### **Getting lost...**

*"You should not worry about getting lost because the school will give you a map. If you do not understand the map you can ask anyone and they will show you how to go anywhere."*

*"You should not be worried about getting lost because the school is not that big. You also get a map of the school. All the older children help when you are lost"*

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### **A new Form and classes...**

*"It feels scary coming to school on the first day but once you get to know your form tutor and form members you will begin to fit in more. Once you get into your second day you will have your first class but you will be with some form members and meet more people from other forms and gradually get more and more friends."*

### **Being Bullied...**

*"When I first came to this school I was afraid I might get bullied, but in the end, secondary school was brilliant!"*

### **Things to do**

*"It's a great school, so many opportunities and in primary school you have had mini trips, however, here you have massive opportunities like making movies, going abroad and camping trips. Trust me it's easy to make friends; it's like you walk up to them, start a conversation and become friends. There are many teams like football, cricket, rugby, table-tennis etc. Good Luck!"*

*"You shouldn't worry at all because it is FUN! If you're a sports fan you'll love it here because we have LOADS of competitions and Inter-House Competitions. You will love it here!!"*

### **Teachers...**

*"On the first day at ICHS it will be really nerve-racking, but you're wrong. The teachers are just helpful and kind. They teach you in a fun way and you learn a lot, but in a fun way."*

*"Teachers are very helpful, they help you in every possible way to reach your expectation, and even go over your capability. Don't be scared!"*

### **Homework...**

*"When you get here you will be very excited but you will feel scared but when you get to know everyone you will fit in and feel how you felt at primary school. Don't worry about homework, you get quite a lot but you will get used to it"*

Enjoy completing your Explore Task. Remember it is not a competition but an opportunity for you to showcase your skills and talents alongside the things you enjoy and that interest you.

Yours sincerely

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