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Dear Future Year 7!

Wow, what a busy week you have had completing your SATs. We have been thinking of you working so hard this week. Well done!

We are thrilled to have you join us for the Big Step Transition Week this summer term. This is an exciting time as you prepare to embark on your journey into secondary school.

At Broadoak Academy, we believe in fostering a sense of community and belonging, and one of the ways we do this is through our house system.

During Big Step Week, you will be sorted into your house during our Sorting Hat ceremony, and this will be the start of your journey in the house championship. Each house competes throughout the year in various events, from sports to academic challenges, earning points to win the coveted House Cup.

We hope you are as excited as we are about this opportunity to make new friends, discover your strengths, and contribute to your house's success. The house championship is a fantastic way to showcase your talents, work as a team, and build lasting memories.

The Houses



Beach Bears: Together Everyone Achieves More, we have a feeling of unity; every player must put the team first ahead of personal glory. 🐻

The bears are described as protective, empathetic, and calm.



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Chestnut Cheetahs: The cheetahs believe in unity. Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much. 🐆

The cheetahs are described as passionate, intuitive, and energetic.



Spruce Sharks: The sharks believe in the importance of knowing that what you plant now, you will harvest tomorrow 🐟

The sharks are described as playful, inquisitive, and fearless.



Whitebeam Wolves: The wolves work in a pack - together we are a community and can achieve anything we set out to do 🐺

The wolves are described as loyal, confident, and ambitious.

We can't wait to see you at Broadoak Academy and watch you thrive in your new environment. Get ready for an unforgettable experience!

Oh, and one more thing... Before you join us for Big Step Week, we have a special challenge for you – our **Big Broadoak Year 6 Reading Challenge!**

This is your chance to get creative, explore exciting stories, and start thinking like a Broadoak student. You can dive into different activities such as writing your own adventure story, designing a book cover, researching inspiring people like Malala, creating a poem, or even discovering brilliant new words to add to your vocabulary. You can choose the activities you enjoy the most and make them your own – we can't wait to see your brilliant ideas!

You can bring any work you complete along with you to Big Step Week, or if you're feeling proud and can't wait to share it, you can send it to us at transition@broadoakacademy.clf.uk.



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Happy reading and creating – we’re so excited to see what you come up with! 🌟

Parents – In this letter we have also included our **Welcome Leaflet** to help you and your child begin to get to know Broadoak Academy.

Inside, you will find important information about our values of *Time, Courage and Choice*, an introduction to our House system, and an overview of the exciting opportunities available both in and beyond the classroom. It also outlines what to expect during the transition process and how we will support your child every step of the way as they prepare to join us in September.

We hope you find it helpful and that it gives you a real sense of our strong, supportive community here at Broadoak.

Best wishes,

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