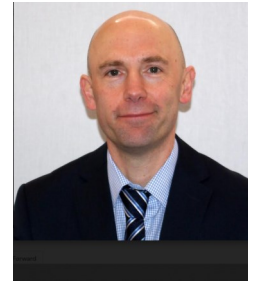


Dear Parent/Carer of prospective Montgomery students in Year 6



Hello, my name is Stephen Careless and I am Headteacher at Montgomery Academy.

Hopefully we met in some form at our Open Evening back in September, which seems a long time ago now. We are delighted that your son or daughter has been allocated a place in the next year group to join the Montgomery Family in September 2020.

We have all been going through some very testing times recently and school-life, as well as home-life, has changed considerably. Since the national lockdown began Montgomery has been open for children of keyworkers and vulnerable students. We are determined to meet the needs of our community in light of the challenges faced during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Whichever way the government decides to start to ease the lockdown, it will surely involve schools at least partially re-opening; probably before the end of the summer term. This means that the full Transition week that was planned is unlikely to happen as was originally planned. I sincerely hope that we get the chance to invite the new Year 6 in to school at least once before the end of the summer term. However, our number one priority will always be the safety of our students and we will ensure that any planned Transition day(s) meet these requirements.

I know that your son or daughter will have found the last few weeks difficult. Many will have missed school a lot and most will be disappointed that they will not be sitting their Year 6 SATs as such. Our Year 11s have had similar feelings including the worry that they will not have the chance to have a say a proper goodbye to their school before moving on to the next phase of their education.

All I can say is that whatever challenge is set for our amazing staff at Montgomery, they rise to it. I can assure you that we will make your child's start to secondary school a good one, whatever the "new normal" are in September. I hope soon to be writing to you again to invite you in to school for more information about transition to Montgomery.

Stay safe.

Mr Careless

Please see overleaf

Hello and welcome to all you rising Year 7s.



I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as we've not had a chance to meet face to face yet. My name is Miss Holden and I'll be your Progress Manager whilst you are at Montgomery. Looking at your names on the list, some of your parents will already know me. Now that is scary that I was their Head of Year whilst they were at this school!

I understand that this will all be very strange for you. Some of you will be nervous and anxious moving to a much bigger school, but here at Montgomery, we all look after each other. You will have a great Pastoral and Teaching team, including your tutors who you will see every day and I'm hoping that alongside the nerves, there is excitement too. I know that I am very excited to welcome my new year group into the school, as a new chapter of your lives begin.

Myself and Mr Higgs are looking forward to meeting you all soon and can't wait to hear of all the new things you've learnt in lockdown. I'm still trying to learn how to master the art of TikTok... I just need to practise my moves and get them in time with the music.

In the meantime, stay safe and look after yourselves. Best wishes, Miss Holden



Hi. My Name is Mr Higgs and I'll be your Pastoral/ Behaviour Manager.

It's my job to help you get the best out of your Montgomery experience.

I will be available for you to talk to if you have any problems such as finding your way round school or getting to grips with your timetable. I am also here to look after you while you're in school. I will do my best to get to know all of you in person but you'll have to bear with me as I struggle to remember names!

My aim is for all of us in year 7, myself and Miss Holden included, to be the best team in Montgomery and for all of you to achieve your full potential. I like to think of myself as a fun and an approachable member of staff but if you do something wrong I will still put consequences in place.

The most important thing to remember is that never feel alone in school as I'll always be there for you.

I look forward to meeting you all next term

Mr Higgs

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