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Hi Everyone

We're absolutely thrilled to welcome you to the Wildern family! We can't wait to meet you all in September. I'm Mrs Oakley, the Headteacher, and I've been part of Wildern for over 20 years, leading the school since 2019. Now that you've officially secured your place, I'm looking forward to meeting you in person very soon.

Wildern is a truly special place (and yes, I might be a little biased!). We're a school where you can be yourself, embrace every opportunity (and there are *so many* clubs and trips!), and flourish in every way.

Our six core attributes – Pride, Kindness, Determination, Curiosity, Respect, and Reflection – are the foundation of our success. We believe these qualities represent the very best of who we are. Throughout Years 7 and 8, you'll have the chance to earn a badge for each attribute as you demonstrate these qualities.

You'll also be joining one of our five Houses: Alba, Driscoll, Jubilee, Paxton, and Sovereign. All named after our local strawberry heritage, your House will become a central part of your Wildern experience. Get ready for friendly competition in everything from assemblies and subject challenges to charity events and Sports Day! Our students (and staff!) love getting involved, and I know you will too.

Starting secondary school is a big step, and it's natural to feel a little nervous (for both students and parents!). It's a much larger environment than primary school, where you've felt comfortable and secure for the past seven years. But don't worry! We have a fantastic transition program, led by Mrs Thomas, designed to make your arrival in September smooth, welcoming, and relaxed.

We'll be in touch again soon with lots of information – from us to you (answering all your questions!) and from you to us (so we have all the important details about you and your family, from medical information to contact details).

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please visit our website or contact the school. Mrs Thomas will be happy to help.

Enjoy the rest of Year 6 – it's a wonderful time! We're so excited to welcome you to Wildern and look forward to seeing you soon. Keep an eye out for our next communication!

Best wishes

**Mrs C Oakley**  
Headteacher



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