

Dear student,

20th April 2020

Welcome to the Thomas Estley Family

We are writing to welcome you to Thomas Estley Community College and we are really pleased to hear that you have been allocated a place with us to join our college community next year. We would like to welcome you straightaway into the Thomas Estley family and we really look forward to learning more about you and meeting you properly – we have met many of you already at our taster events and masterclasses as well as our Open College week, and we have already been really impressed by your enthusiasm and positivity.

It is very important to us that you feel confident about moving to secondary school and we will prioritise this over the next few months to help you start successfully with us in the Autumn Term. We are aware that these are very unusual times, and rather than share our normal calendared induction programme with you at this point, we will be keeping in touch with you remotely and regularly over the next few weeks and months so that you feel part of our Thomas Estley family as well as your primary school family at this challenging time, to provide some more support, encouragement and opportunities for you as we wait for more certainty about a return to normal school life.

Over the next few weeks, we will look to set up some remote communication with you as current Year Six pupils moving to Thomas Estley next year, including some wellbeing activities, challenges, competitions and some transition project work after Easter to prepare you for secondary school and to keep you engaged and busy, as well as helping us to learn more about each of you. We are aware that your primary schools are still setting you work to complete and of course you need to prioritise this, and make sure that you work hard and keep your brain working well, as well as maintaining good physical and mental health, over this period of home schooling for most of you. Please go to our Year Six blog which is being set up currently and will have some activities for you to try out from next week onwards at: <https://thomasestleywellbeing.blogspot.com/>

We would normally ask you to complete our information collection form later in the college year but it would be extremely helpful if you could complete it early for us so that we have accurate contact information to aid us in the induction process as some of it will take place remotely. Please find this form enclosed – you need to post it to the college in the envelope provided.

You can find more out about us meanwhile by looking on our website www.thomasestley.org.uk or on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/thomasestley where we regularly share news and achievements about our college life. We have also enclosed a booklet about our Leadership and Character development programmes at Thomas Estley, to give you a taste of our ethos and opportunities in addition to our main academic curriculum. We are very proud of all the additional opportunities we offer as a community dedicated to 'Building Leadership and Character Together'.

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If you or your parents/carers have any queries or any issues which you need to discuss before the official start of the Induction Process please email PAtothePrincipal@thomasestley.org.uk with Year Seven Induction in the subject box, and you will receive a response from us within a couple of days.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light yellow background. The signature reads "Mandi Collins" in a cursive script.

Mandi Collins

Principal