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Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing to confirm your place for your child at Matravers School in Year 7. You have chosen a vibrant, dynamic school that has the vision of creating a simply exceptional educational experience for our learners. Our traditional and independent approaches are renowned for delivering this. At Matravers, your child will have the opportunities to fulfil their potential and make outstanding progress as a learner. They will develop the skills and qualities to make a significant contribution to the school, the local community and the wider society in which they live. We take pride in our expectation of high attendance levels from all students in order to ensure that they can access the full range of education and experiences available across the school.

To give you a flavour of the school your child is joining, here are some the events that have happened over the last few months in the life of Matravers School:

- Combined Cadet Force – approved to be an independent unit;
- Outstanding delivery of “Oliver” production playing to first time ever over a 4 night run and a full house each evening;
- Confirmed significant investment in the school including – 28 classroom block delivered through “Priority School Building Programme”, astro turf provision and refurbishment of our main block;
- Weekly “live lounge” performances by students to student audience;
- Numerous reward trips for our amazing students;
- Geography, Geology, Drama, Design trips to various locations;
- Foreign trips including Belgium WWI Trenches and Austria Ski Trip;
- Outdoor Expedition Trips including Ten Tors, Jubilee Challenge and BELA Training;
- Choir, Drama and Dance Performances at various external locations;

All through these unique experiences, we are still emphasising our core purpose of learning. Our Year 11 GCSE students and Year 13 A-level students, for example, are making rapid progress and we fully expect them to once again break all achievement records this summer in the forthcoming exams.

We are sure that your child is very excited about starting at Matravers. To help them make a smooth start to their life at Matravers, we have an extensive transition programme. Please find details of the key dates and events below:

Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 May – Year 6 Introduction Evenings

These introduction evenings provide a more intimate and informal opportunity for us to explain what Year 7 will be like and for you and your child to ask questions of our senior team about the transition process and the curriculum opportunities students will have at Matravers. In order to provide greater opportunities to ask questions and speak to members of staff, we have divided the cohort into two groups based on their current primary schools:

Monday 22 May	Bratton, Chapmanslade and Westbury Juniors	5.30-6.30pm
Tuesday 23 May	Bitham Brook, Westbury Leigh, Dilton Marsh and other schools	5.30-6.30pm



If you are unable to attend on the evening designated to your school, please feel free to contact us at Matravers to arrange to come on the other evening.

Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 June – Year 6 Taster Days and Induction Evening (28 June)

All prospective students in Year 6 will attend Matravers for the whole of the two days during which time they will find out their tutor groups and have the opportunity to experience some lessons and other activities. A hot meal will be provided for all students on both days. At the end of Thursday 29 June, from 3.00pm-4.00pm, all students are invited to join in the opportunity of attending an extra-curricular activity, which was graded as ‘Outstanding’ by Ofsted in 2015.

The induction evening follows the first day on Wednesday 28 June at **6.30pm**. This is an opportunity for parents which will focus on the pastoral care we offer and you will meet key transition staff including the Progress Leader and Pastoral Manager.

There will also be an opportunity for you to purchase new school uniform (blazer and tie only) before September.

Thursday 29 June – Summer Fayre (organised by Year 7 for current Year 6 students)

We are pleased to invite all our prospective students in Year 6 and their parents to the Summer Fayre (**4.00pm – 5.30pm**). This is a wonderful event for students and parents to come and enjoy themselves in order to help them feel a little more settled in the Matravers environment.

Friday 14 July – M:Fest

All Year 6 students will be invited to attend ‘M:Fest’, the Matravers end of year festival as part of a visit with their primary school. We appreciate that not all students will be able to attend as this is a very busy time for primary schools but provision for this will be organised with each primary school based on availability where possible.

In addition to these events, Mr Paul Clark (Deputy Headteacher) and another senior member of Matravers staff will be interviewing every prospective student and Year 6 teacher in their school setting to help us to get to know our new Year 7s as much as possible prior to their start in September. We will also be running an enhanced transition programme for some students who need more support in the move to secondary school.

If you have not as yet accepted your place at Matravers, please can you return the reply slip/respond on-line direct to Wiltshire Council as soon as possible, in order to ensure you secure a place, or release your place for another family.

Please find enclosed a Student Registration Record form, which you will need to complete and return to Main Reception at Matravers School as soon as possible.

Once again, thank you for choosing Matravers School, for your child and we look forward to meeting them soon. Mr Clark, Deputy Head, will be overseeing the transition from Year 6 to Year 7, if you have any questions about the process, please contact him at the school.

Yours sincerely

Dr Simon Riding
Headteacher

Mr Paul Clark
Deputy Headteacher