

## **CAMPSMOUNT**

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Dear «FORENAME»,

We are writing to you today to tell you how wonderful Campsmount Academy is and how it will benefit you in the coming years. We are two current students at Campsmount Academy and we would both like to introduce ourselves to you:

- My name is Noah Ward and I am in Year 7.
- My name is Honey Parkhouse and I am in Year 10.

We are both part of the student leadership team in school which, in partnership with the senior leadership team, makes decisions that benefit all students in school. At the start of the year, each of you will get a chance to apply to be part of the student council for your tutor group. Then, a select few will be able to apply to be part of the student leadership team.

On our first day at Campsmount we were really excited but also very nervous about coming to a bigger school. It's okay to be nervous, but please don't worry. It is really easy to navigate around the school building because of the colour coding system which makes rooms very easy to find and makes the timetable extremely easy to follow. Towards the end of the six weeks holiday, you will get your first timetable, all years have 5 lessons per day except for Year 11 who have 6.

The teachers at Campsmount are extremely helpful and I enjoy my lessons because the subjects are interesting and are useful for every-day life outside of school. The teachers make the lessons exciting and informative for all students. There is a great deal that I have been taught since coming to Campsmount. Every year, we get new books to show the vast amount that we learn throughout a year. We study lots of different subjects in addition to the core subjects of English and Maths, the lessons of Geography, Science, French, History, Art, Drama, Dance, Design and Technology, PE and Music. The lessons of Science, Art, PE, Dance and Design and Technology are very practical based as the curriculum suggests the benefit to students

There are lots of opportunities for you to take part in extra-curricular activities. Examples of the activities you can do are; STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Club, Rugby, Trampolining and many more. You can represent our school by joining a team such as our very successful football team or take part in our annual dance competition.

At Campsmount we offer a wide, exciting assortment of breaktime snacks and treats including bagels, sausage and bacon sandwiches and more that you can purchase from the main dining hall, breakfast is also available if you wish with the same collection of items plus some added extras. We have half an hour for lunch and we have lots of choice including some of the options from breaktime and breakfast. There are lots of choices for lunch but we particularly enjoy the paninis with lots of different fillings, flavours and diversity of options. There are also the Hot and Cold dinners which include Jacket Potatoes, wraps and much more.



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Our building is still extremely modern and we have lots more facilities for you to use and enjoy such as the Sports Hall and Drama Studio. The Music department offers a wide variety of instruments including drum kits, pianos, guitars and the state-of-the-art music development software. Pleasingly, the music department have a number of practice rooms to offer and enjoy. If you want to learn how to play an instrument that is available, there is the instrument lessons that are accessible to everyone at the beginning of the year via a sign-up sheet outside the music studios. In these, you will have time to learn the specific instrument with an expert, outside musician who will teach you songs, chords etc.

If you ever need help or support in school you can go to a teacher, your Pastoral Leader or your Head of Year. No matter the question, they can answer it. The reception can help you if you have lost your timetable or don't know what lesson you have next. There are also students who have been in Year 7 previously who will be happy to help you traverse your way around school. Remember, everyone in the school has been in the same position as you at some point in their educational life so all the people in the school know how nerve-racking it is to come to a new school.

Coming to Campsmount will give you the opportunity to make lots of new friends from different Primary schools. We hope that you will really enjoy your time here and we look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely,

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