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Dear Parent/Carer

I want to take this opportunity to write to our Year 5 and Year 6 families to introduce myself as Principal at Northern Education Trust Walbottle Academy.

Choosing a school for your child is one of the toughest decisions a family has to make and we would like to support you in making the right decision for your child.

The vision for our academy, and our trust, is 'Outcomes Focused, Child Centred'. We constantly focus on standards, as we understand outcomes are paramount. Our decision making is driven entirely by what is best for children. By doing this, we enhance the life chances of the children and young people in our care.'

In September 2020, Walbottle Academy formally opened. Since then the academy, despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, has made significant progress and we are delighted with the fact that the academy gained its best ever GCSE results this summer. From 2019 we have doubled the percentage of students achieving a strong pass in English and Maths. We also, from our Sixth Form provision, have significantly more students going to red brick universities and this summer we had our first student secure a place at Oxford University.

We firmly believe that local children should attend their local school, and we are excited to open our academy to our community because we want your child to be a part of our journey too.

I would like to extend families a warm invitation to our academy Open Evening on **Tuesday 27th September 2022 between 4.00pm and 6.00pm**. The evening will include the opportunity to:

- hear a talk from the Principal about our academy, our trust and our students.
- visit the amazing facilities such as our 3G sports pitches, classrooms, and science labs.
- meet the staff who will be teaching your child so you can ask any questions
- meet the SEND team if your child has additional needs so you can be reassured of the care and support we offer all our students
- Experience wider academy life as part of a high achieving MAT

I would like to extend this invite not only to our Year 5 and Year 6 families, but also those families of children who attend our academy. We feel this is a perfect opportunity to speak to our amazing children, discuss our fantastic curriculum with our staff, see our impressive facilities and learn more about our academy culture.

We strongly encourage you to attend this event or to contact the academy to organise individual tours after the Open Evening.

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I look forward working closely with our families in the future

Yours sincerely



M Wood
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