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## **Prefect Application**

Dear Parent / Carer

This week during form time, we have launched our School Parliament applications to year 7 students. Our School Parliament is made up of 50 prefects (ten from each year group) who form five different departments all with their own focus for student led school improvement. The departments include:

- The Department for the Environment (Year 7 bubble)
- The Department for Health and Wellbeing (Year 8 bubble)
- The Department for Communication (Year 9 bubble)
- The Department for the Community (Year 10 bubble)
- The Department for Education and Careers (Year 11 bubble)

Year 7 will form the Department for the Environment and will be focussed on improving the school's and local community's impact on the environment. As you may be aware, there has been a major global shift recently towards becoming 'greener' and looking after our planet. Therefore the year 7 prefect team will become a driving force in the school's desire to become more environmentally friendly.

This year the School Parliament will be teaming up with #nextgenleaders programme, which will support the students in creating and developing their student-led social action project. They will also enter the regional competition where students will be able to showcase their environmental projects and be rewarded for their impact.

To develop the students' understanding of democracy our prefects and members of School Parliament will need to apply to become a prefect. Once applications are in, all students will be put onto a ballot paper and their peers in year 7 will perform a democratic vote to decide who they would like to represent them in the School Parliament.

I am writing to you today to ask for your support in encouraging your child to apply to become a prefect this year. As a member of School Parliament your child will play a leading role in making positive changes to the school for his/her peers, staff and local community. In addition to this, the students will qualify for rewards, trips and prizes not available to other students.

If your child would like to apply, please email me at **ben.taylor@buttershaw.net** by 3pm on Tuesday 24 November 2020 with your child's name and form group. All names will be placed on a ballot paper and then the students of year 7 will vote democratically to decide who they would like to represent them in Year 7 within our School Parliament.

Yours sincerely

B Taylor

Mr Taylor Senior Achievement Leader

