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Dear Parent / Carer,

### Admission to Holcombe Grammar School

The Local Authority recently contacted us to ask if we had the capacity to provide your son with a grammar school place for 2017-18. We explained that Holcombe Grammar School was currently full and could take no more pupils in September. To support the LA, however, we proposed an alternative arrangement which they felt was a viable option to share with you.

As we explained to the Local Authority, the curriculum and staffing have already been finalised at Holcombe Grammar School for 2017-18 so we are unable to accommodate your son at the school next year. Instead, we are able to make arrangement for him to attend The Victory Academy (another of our Trust schools) for year 7 where he will be placed within the grammar stream.

We anticipate that your son will transit into Holcombe Grammar School for the start of year 8 where we will be able to staff an extra class. Therefore, should you wish to accept this offer, you will need to purchase the Victory Academy school uniform (details enclosed) and familiarise yourself with their induction materials. When the time comes for your son to attend the Holcombe Grammar School campus, we will fund the purchase of a new school uniform for him.

The Victory Academy will be in touch with you once they have been notified of your acceptance. Your point of contact at the school will be Ms Wendy Reeve who can be contacted on 01634 303005 (extension 1).

We do hope you see this as a viable alternative way for your son to still access grammar school provision over time.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Gwynn Bassan

Secondary Phase Director for The Thinking Schools Academy Trust