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Dear Parents and Guardians of RBC's 1st Year Students,

As your children leave home to travel to RBC, for most the first time that they are leaving home for a longer period of time, please know that the RBC Staff is looking forward to welcoming them on Thursday, and to building educational and residential community with them over the next two years.

A few students' travel plans have been delayed: while all visa applications have been approved in Freiburg, not all students have been able to secure an appointment at a German Embassy for their visa to be issued. This happens almost every year. No doubt this will be resolved in the coming days.

Please know also that I am thinking of you. Like you, I have experienced a child leave to go to a UWC, two years before what would be a more common time of leaving home. I felt both excitement for the opportunities that lay ahead for my child and a sense that the departing was too soon.

Most students remember to send a message home that they have arrived safely, and we remind them to do so, but in the excitement of arrival some forget to do so. On Friday morning in Germany, I expect to send you a further message: that every student we anticipated arriving has done so. Your child's is the 9th RBC Generation: so far, no student travelling to RBC has been lost en route even though sometimes connections have been missed and a subsequent flight / train / bus has needed to be taken.

I look forward to meeting your child, RBC's student, soon.

With best wishes,

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