



Year 6 Parents – Open Evening

Dear Year 6 Parents & Carers

I am writing to you with details of our Open Evening arrangements for this year.

We have deliberately taken some time to assess the situation this term and to determine the best approach. Last year, due to the pandemic and the restrictions in schools, we put together a virtual open evening. Whilst this conveyed a sense of the school, students and parents/carers clearly missed out on the opportunity to see the school in person.

We believe that we are able to improve our offer this year and invite students, parents and carers into school. At the same time, we are very aware that the arrangements we put in place must ensure that everyone is kept as safe as we can, particularly where we have significant mixing across a wide range of people.

Our Open Evening will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October, starting at 3.40pm. On that evening, we will be offering timed, bookable tours of the school as follows:

- Parents and carers will be able to book one tour of the school on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October.
- The first tour will start at 3.40pm and then there will be tours at 10 minute intervals. The last tour will commence at 7.20pm.
- Each tour will last approximately 45-50 minutes and you will be guided around the school by senior members of staff.
- Each tour group will have a maximum of 10 Year 6 students and each student will be allowed to bring one guest. We are very sorry that this will mean that, on this occasion, we are unable to accommodate whole families or both parents/carers.
- We regret that we will be unable to host Year 5 students this year in order to ensure that there is enough space for all of Year 6 who wish to attend.
- The tour will allow you the opportunity to see most of the departments in the school and some of the extra-curricula activities that we offer. Whilst it will be less interactive than we have had in previous years, we believe that it will give a good impression of the opportunities available at the school and allow Year 6 students to see it for themselves.
- We are able to accommodate students and/or parents/carers who require access arrangements. Please let us know on booking if you require these.

We recognise that not everyone will be able to or wish to come into school because of the increased risks of social mixing. Therefore, we will publish our online prospectus on our website including a recorded welcome from me and introductions from curriculum team leaders about their subjects. This should allow you to gain a good understanding of the school even if you cannot visit.

## How to book a tour place

Tours can be requested by completion of our [GoogleForm](#). We will do our very best to accommodate preferred timings as much as possible and will allocate in the order of the receipt of the request via the form. If we are unable to allocate the time you request, we will contact you to see if we can find a suitable alternative. All bookings will be confirmed via email on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October and the booking form will close at 3.30pm on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

For those of you driving, please park in the Kennion Road car park. We ask that you turn up no more than 10 minutes before the start of your tour. You should then go The Blue School Council Building, immediately adjacent to Kennion car park, where registration will take place and where your tour will start.

In order to ensure that there are sufficient car parking spaces on the evening, we ask that you leave the car park as soon as your tour has finished.

We look forward to welcoming you on 7<sup>th</sup> October and showing you our wonderful school.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Woodlock', enclosed within a circular scribble.

Mark Woodlock  
Headteacher