



September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Open Evening: 19 September 2024 6.00pm – 8.30pm; Headteacher's presentation 6.30pm and 7.30pm

You will soon be faced with the difficult task of choosing the right secondary school for your child. This is an important decision which requires careful thought because so much of your child's future will be affected by the education they receive over the next few years.

We are a school with great aspirations; achievement and inclusion are at the heart of all that we do. Our focus is on providing all pupils with the opportunities for success which as we know comes in many forms. Success at school is the result of pupils, parents/carers and teachers working together. In March 2022, Ofsted reported that, "Staff work hard to ensure the best outcomes for young people. They help pupils to become resilient to the many challenges of life. They show pupils what it means to be ambitious for their futures and care for others in the school community.". Visitors regularly comment upon the warm and friendly atmosphere created by the positive relationship between staff and pupils.

Our focus is on providing high quality teaching and learning opportunities supported by excellent facilities for sport, the arts, science, and technology in addition to those providing social and extra-curricular benefits. We have a clear focus on ensuring all our pupils achieve to the best of their ability and this is reflected in our examination results with key outcomes above those in 2019 with some above national figures. We continue to have 100% success at providing pupils at Key Stage 4 and students at Key Stage 5 the opportunity to enter employment, education, or training. At Key Stage 3 we continue to improve standards in all subjects through opportunities for innovation and targeted support; with a focus on developing key literacy skills. We continue to plan for progression to ensure our pupils can be the best they can be through the enjoyment of being at school and achieving.

I am proud to lead our dedicated staff and inspirational pupils and students and look forward to introducing you to our school on **Thursday 19 September 2024, 6.00pm - 8.30pm.**

Open Evenings provide the opportunity for you to look around the school, meet members of staff, pupils, students and ask questions to reassure you we are the right school for your child. We usually have many people attending during the evening which can at times create large gatherings in some faculty and subject areas as well as in the main hall during the Headteacher's presentation. I will be available throughout the evening to answer any questions you may have. However, I will be in the main hall at the published times of 6.30pm and 7.30pm to give a brief presentation and discuss any points individual parents and carers may have.

There are limited car park spaces in the main school car park, roundel car park and school playground area – please follow directions from the marshals who will be on duty as we ask you to avoid parking in front of resident's homes.

We look forward to seeing you either at our open evening or at some other point as your child starts their educational journey with us.

Yours sincerely

Phil Temple
Headteacher

