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# Principal's Blog

#### Friday 9th July 2021

#### Year 6 Induction

We are not able to do our normal transition programme again, so this year we are coming to the primary schools. Our Year 7 Learning Manager, Miss Murthick and Assistant Principal, Mr Daniels will be at the following schools to talk to students about joining us in September:

- Monday 12th July Newlands @ 1:45
- Wednesday 14th July Normanton Junior @ 1:45
- Friday 16th July Normanton Common @ 1:45
- Monday 19th July St John's @ 1:45
- Wednesday 21 July Altofts Junior @ 1:45

If we are not visiting your primary school or you are not present on the day, do not worry. All information will be reiterated in September.

Our new Year 7 is at maximum capacity with a waiting list. We look forward to meeting all students joining us in September.

#### **Dedicated Year 6 Transition Site**

https://transition.freeston.outwood.com/home

Find out everything you need to know about our academy on our dedicated transition site. If you have any questions please contact us.



#### Parents Evenings

As with many things we do in the Academy we have had to adapt the way we do things in response to Covid-19. One area which we have adapted and are looking to continue into next year is virtual parents evenings. We have now successfully run four virtual evenings with attendance to these events exceeding the numbers we would get in person. Added to that the ease of accessing these from the comfort of your own home and not having to worry about parking are also huge positives.

One parent has said "It worked really well. We would much prefer to continue with the online parent's evening in the future. All the teachers are so nice, and very passionate about their teaching. It's a 10/10 from us!"

Another parent said "The virtual parents evening was great, so much easier than the face to face meetings.All appointments are run to time due to the time constraint, which worked brilliantly. I was happy with the parents' evening previously, but after doing it virtually, I much preferred this option. Thanks again to all staff, you do a great job! "

Whilst we understand this is new and there will be teething issues, which we believe we are ironing out with every evening, we would like to continue with these and ask for your support and feedback on these events.

Whilst these are a great opportunity for parents to interact with staff to check on progress, please be aware that should you ever like to discuss this outside of parents evening you are always welcome to contact the Academy and we can arrange for members of staff to contact you.

### Information Site to access support can be found here: <u>ttps://tinyurl.com/y4pwhzqa</u>

## Guardian Summaries

We often receive from parents questions about how they can further support their child. One method is by signing up to **Guardian Summaries.** 

A detailed support area for this is here

https://classroom.freeston.outwood.com/home</u>. Guardian Summaries will allow you to see what work your child has been assigned.

Keep in contact with us at: enquiries@freeston.outwood.com @OutwoodFreeston

