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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Year 6 transition to secondary education

Firstly, let me introduce myself – I am extremely proud to be the Principal of The Orme Academy. I do hope that you and your family are well and that your children are thoroughly enjoying being back at school as they start their final year of Primary education.

As a parent myself, I understand that choosing a secondary school can be a difficult decision – indeed my son has just started Year 7, so I can completely empathise with your current position. As parents, we have to gather the information we need to make an informed choice in order to choose a school where our children are happy and attend an environment where they can be their very best.

Here at The Orme Academy, our sole ethos for the school community is ‘**Empowering Learners for Life**’. We are committed to ensuring that every student makes excellent progress but for us this concept stretches well beyond academic performance. We firmly believe that every aspect of school should equip learners to be successful in all areas of their lives, both now and for their future. Indeed, every single decision or action taken improves the life chances of all our learners. This is underpinned by ensuring the Academy is a safe, nurturing, and happy environment: put simply, The Orme Academy is a great place to learn and a great place to work.

Put briefly, at The Orme Academy:

- We have relentlessly high expectations of those associated with the Academy.
- We expect everyone to be their very best at all times.
- We have extremely high standards and aspirations for our staff and students which are reflected throughout the Academy.
- We expect all who are associated with the Academy to reflect these too.
- We are committed to working in partnership with parents to ensure the very best support and opportunities for our students so that they can fulfil their potential.
- We are committed to engaging in community opportunities so that each student can fulfil their potential.
- We strive to offer the widest possible curriculum and enrichment experiences.

I would like to invite you to visit The Orme Academy in support of you making the best-informed decision. We welcome and encourage prospective parents/carers to visit us to see the amazing opportunities we can offer your child as they embark on their journey through secondary education.

We have organised two main public events for you to visit the Academy:

Tuesday 28th September, 6.00pm – 8.30pm. This traditional Open Evening event starts with a brief address by myself, in the hall, at 6.00pm. Following this, tours of the Academy will be on offer so that you can meet staff and students and view the facilities.

Saturday 9th October, 10.00am – 12.00pm. This Open Morning event offers you the opportunity to drop in, meet staff and students and view the facilities at your leisure - you can drop in any time. There will not be an address by myself on this morning. This is deliberate and some may find the lack of large crowds in one place a more comfortable prospect. Of course, I will be available to meet you on the morning for a chat.

There is no need to book on either of the above events – just simply arrive at the Main Reception, with access off Milehouse Lane.

In addition to the public events outlined above, I am more than happy for you to contact the Academy with any particular queries or to arrange a specific discussion or visit. I am fully supportive of you in this process and hence we will give you as much time as you need in order for you to be best placed to make your decisions. Please contact reception on 01782 742900 or email office@toa.shaw-education.org.uk and a colleague will get in touch.

In addition, you can also find information about the Academy on our website. There is a page dedicated to Year 6 into Year 7 transition under the 'Parents' tab...

<https://www.theormeacademy.org.uk/parents/Year-6-into-7-Transition-Hub>

Here you will find information that we shared with our current Year 7, as well as items for this year including our digital prospectus. In order to get a taste of the wide-ranging experiences that our children experience every day, you may also want to follow us on social media:

Facebook: @TheOrmeAcademySET

Twitter: @TheOrmeAcademy

Instagram: @TheOrmeAcademySET

This is an extremely exciting time to join and be part of The Orme Academy. We never stand still and we continue to develop the Academy rapidly and I would certainly welcome your interest in joining. This is an important decision for you and your children, and I hope that you reach a decision that works for you all, whatever that may be. We have planned these events based on current circumstances but as we have all experienced, local and national circumstances can change rapidly and hence I apologise in advance if we need to change things at short notice.

The Orme Academy works to support all members of the community that it serves and welcomes you to get in contact should you have any queries. I hope that I get to meet many of you soon, but more importantly, I really wish for you and your loved ones to remain safe and well.

Your sincerely



Mr Mark Boughey
Principal

