



Ashton Community Science College

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To Parents/Carers of students who will be joining the school in September 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and new Year 7 students

On behalf of the staff, students and the governors, we would like to offer you and your child a warm welcome to our School. We are aware of the responsibility we have for your child's welfare, happiness and progress, a responsibility we will share with you for at least the next five years. We hope this partnership between us will soon develop and that you will quickly become proud of your association with *Ashton Community Science College*.

Our School

We believe it is essential that if your child is to gain the most from their time with us, we must develop a partnership in which we all work together to ensure that they are happy and work to their full potential. For our part, we will keep you fully informed about the School and share with you our thoughts in whatever way we can.

The school website provides a wealth of information about our school in general, and there is a special area devoted to transition, but we are also delighted to include with this letter a Welcome Pack, which contains all the essential information you need to help your child make a successful start in September.

Admission Forms

We obviously want to discover all we can about our new students in advance so that we can make our preparations for the new term in September. Whilst the information we receive from primary schools is very important, we also need information from you as parents and from your child. We have included several forms which we would like you to complete and return to us using the enclosed envelope. These are:

1. an *admission form (on white paper)*
2. A *parent/carer information form (on pale blue paper)*
3. A *child information form (on yellow paper)*

It would be appreciated if all forms could be returned at your earliest convenience but no later than **Friday 7th June 2019**.

We welcome your views on your child's interests and talents as you see them. You might also like to mention any potential difficulties your child may have. Students are divided into forms and are assigned a house on admission. Please be assured that each form and house will contain a full range of abilities and, in this respect, no form or house will be "better" or "worse" than any other. When they go to their different subjects, students are grouped according to ability, as in Mathematics, for example.



Arrangements for our New Intake Evening on Wednesday 1st July

We usually arrange a special evening for parents, this year planned on **Wednesday 1st July**, which we hope you will be able to attend. However, at the time of writing, schools are closed and I have no idea when we will return. In the event that we are back in school, this evening will run, commencing promptly at 6pm in the main hall. We attach great importance to meeting **all** parents of new students, so in the event that we are still closed, an alternative date will be set to meet parents at the earliest opportunity.

Getting to know you and your child

Again, ordinarily, new students would visit the school in normal hours (8.40 am to 3.00 pm) on **Monday 6th July**. If this goes ahead, all arrangements will be discussed and agreed in detail with the primary school Headteachers and you will be notified in due course. However, if it doesn't go ahead because schools are still closed, we will make arrangements to ensure all children starting year 7 in September have a full and supportive induction plan in place. Starting secondary school can be a worrying time and we are fully committed to removing as much of the anxiety and uncertainty that surrounds this as possible.


Teachers from Ashton regularly visit local primary schools and indeed many primary schools have visited Ashton as part of our primary links work in science, PE and technology, and some of them may already be known to your child. At the moment, Mrs Barrow and Mrs Barker, who have specific responsibility for all Year Seven students, cannot visit the primary schools to discuss our new students with their present teachers and talk to the girls and boys about their new school. When schools re-open they will prioritise this, but of course their visits will be dependent on what point in the year schools re-open. But we still need to get to know your child so what are we doing about this?

We have asked teachers from primary schools to give us some information about your child, including academic, social and welfare that will help us form part of a picture. We have also included in this pack 3 forms which we would like you to complete as fully as possible. If you need to use more space than is on the parental or child information forms, then please feel free to add supplementary sheets or even send us copies of anything you would like us to see. Please don't send original documents of any supplementary materials, but instead send copies.

I sincerely hope things return to normal very soon, but in the meantime, if you have any immediate questions or concerns, there is an area devoted to transition on our website, which has further information and a contact us facility. If you do need to ask anything, please use this facility and a member of staff will contact you within 24 hours.

We hope that your son/daughter is looking forward to becoming a member of our school family. With your help, we have every confidence that they will be happy and successful during their time with us, so that when they leave they will look back on their education at Ashton Community Science College with pride, pleasure and affection.

Yours sincerely



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