



# Ashton Community Science College

*'a school to be proud of'*

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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Offer of Place in Year 7 September 2024**

We have recently been notified by Lancashire County Council that your child has been offered a place with us in September.

We are delighted you have chosen to send your child to our school. We offer a very warm welcome and hope that they enjoy their time with us and work hard to achieve their potential. We are aware of the responsibility we have for your child's welfare, happiness and progress, a responsibility we will share with you for 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 can 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 uses the School Synergy platform as our main means of communication, and you will receive log in information once your child has been admitted to the school in September. All letters, reports and parental communication are sent via Synergy; we don't send paper copies of communication home, so it is crucial that you access this regularly.

There is a wealth of information on the website and there is also a specific area under the 'Students' tab called Transition which contains useful links and information. Everything you need to know for your September start will be placed in this area so you can access it anytime.

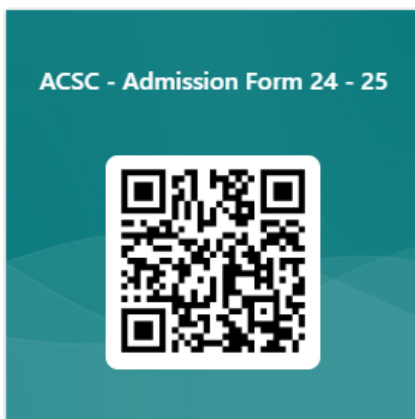
Teachers from Ashton regularly visit local primary schools and some of them may already be known to your child. Over the coming weeks, Mrs Barrow, who has responsibility for all Year 7 students, will be visiting the primary schools to discuss our new students with their present teachers and also talk to the children about their new school.



## **Admission Forms**

Included with this letter is an admissions booklet and admission form. Please could you read the admissions booklet before completing the admissions form. The admissions form should be completed and returned to school as soon as possible, but by no later than 24<sup>th</sup> May. Failure to return your child's completed admission form may delay their start date.

If you would prefer to complete the admission form online, this can be accessed either via the following link <https://forms.office.com/e/jq0dbw96XE> or by scanning the QR code below.



We obviously want to discover all we can about our new students in advance, so that we can prepare for their arrival in September. Whilst the information we receive from their primary schools is very important, we also need information from you as parents. There is a space on the admission form for you to add any information you would like to share. This could be anything from medical information, personality traits, likes and dislikes, achievements or any special interests or hobbies they may have. Anything you can tell us will help us to get to know your child.

## **New Intake Parents Evening and Induction Day**

Further information will be sent to you in early June and amongst other things, will contain details about the Parents' Evening that will be held in school on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June and also the Induction Day on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July. All new Year 7 students will be given the opportunity to visit the school for a full day. They will get a feel for the school and will participate in activities during the day. The school day starts at 8.40 am and ends at 3.00 pm.

## **ParentPay**

We are a cashless school, and we use the ParentPay system which enables you to purchase equipment and to pay for school lunches and trips etc. Information regarding how to log into this will be provided to you in early June.

## **Uniform**

Students are divided into forms, and they are also assigned to a house. Each form and house contain a full range of abilities with no form or house being any 'better' or 'worse' than any other.

The uniform list is contained within the Admissions Booklet which is included with this letter. In order to purchase a school jumper, you will need to know which house your child has been assigned to. This information will be contained in the letter that you will receive in early June – please do not purchase a school jumper until you know which house your child will be in. Similarly, equipment

packs will be available to purchase at the Parents' Evening and also via Parentpay once you receive your log in information.

In the meantime, I hope your child is pleased and excited to be joining us and beginning a new chapter in their education.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Asquith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Miss S Asquith  
Headteacher