

September 2020

Arrangements following the unfortunate cancellation of the Year 6 Open Evening

Dear Parent / Carer

I hope that this letter finds you well and that your sons and daughters have successfully settled back into school life in Year 6. You will be making an important decision about the right school for the next stage of your child's education during the coming weeks. It is crucial that your child is happy and part of a caring environment where they can thrive and succeed.

We are extremely proud of our students' achievements year on year at de Ferrers. This year was no exception with a record number of students entering our thriving Sixth Form. There is no secret to our success: we invest heavily in our staff, and demand the very best of all of our students through our motto of "work hard, be kind, choose wisely". Our three campuses also allow us to tailor our curriculum, facilities and support accordingly for each stage of the journey through secondary education. Our Dove campus hosting just Year 7 and 8 really helps to secure a strong transition from primary to secondary school.

Due to COVID-19 we will unfortunately not be able to host our Year 6 Open Evening on 22nd September as we had hoped. We will instead be providing a wealth of information for parents which will start to become available on the website from **Monday 5th October** at our dedicated page www.deferrers.com/openevening. This will include:

- An introduction from our Principal Mrs Hardy and Head of Dove Campus Mr Lovell.
- A video from each of our subject areas, showcasing what the curriculum at de Ferrers has to offer.
- A video from our Support and Guidance team, showcasing our extensive SEND and pastoral support network.
- An online prospectus, hard copies of which will be delivered to local primary schools in due course.
- A guide to de Ferrers, providing lots of useful and detailed information about the academy.

We are very proud of our innovative 1:1 iPad scheme which allows teaching and learning to be transformed in the classroom. This is reflected in our status as both an Apple Regional Training Centre and an Apple Distinguished School, and recognises the international reputation for outstanding practice in this area that the academy has developed. We are excited to be extending our 1:1 iPad programme to Year 7 from September 2021.

A reminder that applications must be submitted by 31st October to Staffordshire County Council via their admissions website. Should you have any queries in the meantime or would like to get in touch with a member of the team to find out a bit more about us, please do not hesitate to contact us via our dedicated transition email address transition@deferrers.com.

Yours sincerely



Mrs K D Hardy
Principal