

WOOTTON ACADEMY TRUST

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Dear Parents/Carers

Cancellation of EVENT 2 – Options Information Evening for Year 8 children and their parents/carers

Since we wrote to our New Intake parents/carers just over two weeks ago the rapid escalation in the development of Coronavirus has changed all of our lives very dramatically. We are in uncharted waters with the situation changing daily.

In common with all schools and colleges we are reviewing our practice and **we have decided it would not be the right decision to continue with Event 2 of our transition programme, namely, the parents/carer/pupil information meetings we publicised for Tuesday 24 March.** Therefore, we have taken the decision to cancel Event 2, given the extraordinary circumstances we find ourselves in.

You will recall from our first letter that most of the children joining Year 9 are coming from either Holywell School and Marston Vale Middle School. Mr Frazer and Mr Freemantle visited both of these schools last week and spoke with the Year 8 children about making option choices. Our intention is to make all of the information you need about the option choices online to enable you to be informed in respect of the decisions we are asking your child to make with your help.

We will send you a separate communication to confirm when this information is on our website and the process you and your child will need to follow to select their courses. The information we put on line will include a contact email address to enable you to ask any questions you may have which are not covered in the materials on line.

All of our senior staff had been really looking forward to meeting you next week and building the foundations of our relationship for the future; we regret this is not possible. However, putting your safety, your children's safety and, the safety of our staff at Wootton Academy Trust first, obviously has to take top priority.

All of us are expecting that schools will close for an unknown period of time; once there is clarity on when this will start and end. We are hopeful that we can proceed with **Event 3 the Information Evening on Monday 6 July** as well as Event 4 the two-day transition programme for Year 8 children joining Wootton Upper School in September on Monday 13 July and Tuesday 14 July.

Please look at our newsletters on our website to keep in touch with us, and we will write to you again with more information when we can.

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Most important of all in these challenging and desperately worrying times please take care of yourselves and those around you. In my thirty-six years in this profession, I have not known a situation of the enormity we are about to face and I hope and pray that all of our emergency services, especially the NHS and the police, who will be supporting the crisis have the strength and numbers to help us the coming months.

Yours sincerely



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