



Thomas Alleyne's High School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted that your child will be joining our School in September.

Our team are responsible for the induction process involving Year 8 students transferring to Thomas Alleyne's High School in September. This is the first of two information letters you will receive between now and July. Our next letter will inform you of the house and tutor group your child will be allocated to and setting arrangements.

We have a strong pastoral system based around our four Houses, which supports and nurtures all students to enable them to reach their full potential.

Students will be set into appropriate groups to meet their learning needs. Please be aware that **we do not take friendships into account with our setting groupings** as this would not allow for your child to be placed in the most appropriate group for their individual ability.

Once started with us, students are expected to wear full school uniform, details of which are included in the attached uniform letter.

Throughout the transition period, key members of our staff will be contacting our feeder middle schools. These staff will also visit the students at their middle schools prior to students starting at Thomas Alleyne's High School. In the meantime, all Year 8 students can gain a virtual insight into our school by visiting the website and watching the video about life at Thomas Alleyne's High School. This can be found under the 'Parents' tab under 'Year 8 to Year 9 Transition'.

The Pastoral team are looking forward to the **transition days** your child will be invited to. The dates for these are **1st July and 2nd July**. Our school day starts at 8:40am and finishes at 3:10pm. Students are welcome to join us in our school canteen from 8:00am on both days. We hope this will support parents with their own travel arrangements. If you do bring your child to school by car, we suggest you park in 'The Maltings' car park and walk them across to the school gates if needed. Please do not use the front entrance to school as this is a pedestrian area. At the end of the school day, students will need to make their own way home and we ask that parents ensure that arrangements are in place for this. For those students catching a bus from Windsor Park or Oldfields, we have arrangements in place that if they wait in the canteen until 3:20pm, students can then walk up to their middle schools and catch their school busses. For these transition days we expect your current full school Uniform.

We will also hold a **Transition Evening** for all families on **1st July** for students and parents alongside the transition days. This will provide the opportunity to meet Senior and Pastoral staff and Form Tutors.

We are currently working on our transition plans regarding SEN students and further information will be available in due course.



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We look forward to seeing you on these evenings when we shall ensure that you have plenty of opportunity to ask questions. If you do have immediate concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

You have received this letter because your Year 8 child is on our Staffordshire County Council School Admissions Offers List. If you no longer require a place in Year 9 for your child for September 2026 at Thomas Alleyne's High School, please contact both ourselves and the Staffordshire County Council Admissions Office as soon as possible, to let us know and so we can update our records.

Included with this letter is:

- A letter with details about the lockers around our Site and how to book one
- Our uniform letter which details our expectations around Uniform
- Our important dates letter detailing our term dates and inset days
- Our School Admission Acceptance Form to ensure we have up to date and correct contact details for parents/carers and details of who to use in an emergency, which can be printed off and handed in to our front office or emailed back to us at y8to9transition@tahs.i2e.org.uk . We require this to be returned to us by **3rd April 2026**.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs E Young