



# 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 three information letters which you will receive between now and July. Our next letter (May 2023) will inform you of the House and tutor group your child will be allocated to and our third letter (July 2023) will contain settings arrangements.

We have a strong pastoral system based on four Houses, each with a Head of House and Pastoral Welfare Officer (PWO). The Houses, which have students from Year 9 to year 11 within them, are:

- **Elkes House** (Red tie) – Mrs P Brooks and Miss T Attwood
- **Torrance House** (Blue tie) – Miss S Arrowsmith / Mrs J Lambert (Currently on Maternity) and Miss E Matthews
- **Orme House** (Green tie) – Mr J Brassington and Mrs N Moore
- **Whitmore House** (Yellow tie) – Miss S Jones and Miss E Featherstone

Students will be set in Mathematics and Science. Other subjects will be taught in mixed ability groups. Please be aware that **we do not take friendships into account with our setting arrangements** as this would not allow for your child to be placed in the most appropriate set for their ability.

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

The Pastoral team are looking forward to the two transition days your child will be invited to and that we hope will be able to go ahead. The dates for this will be Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Our school day starts at 8.40am and finishes at 3.05pm. Students are welcome to join us in our school canteen from 8am 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 Malfings' public carpark and walk them across to the school gates if needed. Please do not use the front entrance to the 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 they are invited to wait in our canteen until 3.20pm when students can then walk up to their middle school to catch their school buses.

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We will also hold a **Transition Evening for all Houses on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July** for students and parents alongside the transition days. This will provide the opportunity to meet Senior and Pastoral staff and the Form Tutor.

In addition to this evening we also invite parents and students, as appropriate, to either or both of our SEN transition evenings on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 3.30pm – 5.00pm** and **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 3.30pm – 5.00pm**.

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 2023 at Thomas Alleyne's would you please let Staffordshire County Council School Admissions know as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H. Major". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end of the name.

Mrs H Major  
Assistant Headteacher for Well Being and Behaviour

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