



Thomas Alleynes 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 Alleynes High School in September. This is the first of a number of information letters you will receive between now and July. Our next letter (May 2024) will inform you of the House and tutor group your child will be allocated to and another letter in July 2024 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) – Mrs J Lambert/Miss A Beavor and Miss E Matthews
- **Orme House** (Green tie) – Mr J Brassington and Mrs N Moore
- **Whitmore House** (Yellow tie) – Miss S Jones and Mr C Forsyth

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 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 Alleynes 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 Alleynes 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. The dates for these will be Wednesday 3rd July and Thursday 4th July. Our school day starts at 8.40am and finishes at 3.10pm. 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 Maltings' 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 3rd 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.

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 2024 at Thomas Alleyne's would you please let us and Staffordshire County Council School Admissions know as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L Heywood', written in a cursive style.

Mrs L Heywood
Deputy Headteacher

Enc: ILS lockers letter