



Thomas Alleyne's High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted that your child will be joining our School in September.

My team and I 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 2021) will inform you of the House and tutor group your child will be allocated to and the third letter (July 2021) contains settings arrangements.

We have a strong pastoral system based on four Houses, each with a Head of House and Student Support Assistant. The Houses, which have students from Year 9 to year 11 within them, are:

Elkes House (Red tie) – Mr C Parker and Miss T Attwood
Torrance House (Blue tie) – Miss J Keeling and Mrs W Collier
Orme House (Green tie) – Mr J Brassington and Mrs N Moore
Whitmore House (Yellow tie) – Miss S Jones and Ms L Arbery

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. It is hoped that these staff will be able to visit the students and the middle schools prior to students starting at Thomas Alleyne's High School however this is under review in light of Covid restrictions. Parents, carers and students can in the mean time 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 7th July and Thursday 8th 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 Maltings' public carpark and walk them across 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 the 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 they 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 7th July** for students and parents alongside the transition days. This will provide the opportunity to meet Senior and Pastoral staff, including your son or daughter's 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 20th May 3.30pm – 5.00pm and Thursday 1st July 4.00pm – 6.00pm.**

I 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.

May we take this opportunity to request that should you no longer require a place for September 2021 at Thomas Alleyne's would you please advise Staffordshire County Council School Admissions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H. Major". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'H' and 'M'.

Mrs H Major
Assistant Headteacher for Well Being and Behaviour

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