

Our Ref: SY/JO
1 March 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians/Carers

We are delighted that your child will be joining us from September 2010 and we would like to take this opportunity of sincerely welcoming you as a family.

The next 5 academic years will be a major chapter in the life of your child and we are absolutely committed to making this period as special and purposeful as possible, maximising, where we can, the well being and life chances of all the young people within our care.

The journey we take with your child begins now. There is much that we can do now to prepare the way, both practically and emotionally, so that your child will find the transition from Junior School to High School as exciting and stress free as possible. This letter will outline some of the opportunities that we offer you as a family and we hope that you will also feel able to contact us if there is anything that worries or concerns you in the forthcoming months.

Sprowston Community High School Website – www.sprowstonhigh.org

We are extremely proud of our website, which captures the vibrant life of our school. You will also find some specific information aimed at Year 6 students about to embark upon the next stage of their education.

Sprowstonhigh.org/transition

On these pages you will find information on:

- The differences between Junior School and High School
- Teaching, learning and the curriculum
- School Uniform
- Expectations
- Taster Days
- Extra-curricular clubs and activities

We hope that your child will enjoy looking at these pages with you, and with their friends, and that this will help them feel more confident and prepared for September.

Opportunities to meet us

It is extremely important that we become familiar faces in the life of your child over the next few months and there will be a number of important opportunities for us to meet your children, both within their own school setting, but also when we invite them, and you to join us at Sprowston Community High School. These dates are outlined as follows:-

Meeting the children

Staff from Sprowston Community High School will be visiting each Junior School from the end of May to meet your child and his/her teacher and to answer any questions about the transition process.

Meeting the parents

We will be holding an evening meeting on Wednesday 30th June when you are invited to attend and meet some of the key High School staff who will be working with your child. It is also an opportunity to raise any concerns you may have. Please note, this evening is for parents only to attend.

Session 1 will take place between 4:30 pm and 5:30 pm for surnames A – M

Session 2 will take place between 5:30 pm and 6:30 pm for surnames N – Z

If you have special educational concerns, our school SENCO will also be available.

This is also the date when we ask you to return any remaining forms to us and to make the payment for the Eaton Vale Activity Centre Tutor Group trip.

Induction Day

On Friday 2nd July your child will attend Sprowston Community High School for the full day to experience school life, meet their new form tutor and fellow tutees. We provide a free packed lunch on that day. Don't forget to bring a pencil case and a drink!

Uniform Shop

The school uniform shop will be open on the evening meeting on 30th June from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Advice on applying for grants will be available in the Welcome Booklet to follow.

The last day for opening in the summer term 2010 is Wednesday 21st July, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

The school shop will be open during the summer holidays from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm on:

Wednesday 19th August and Thursday 19th August

Wednesday 25th August and Thursday 26th August

Wednesday 1st September

(last day School Shop is open before term begins on 6 September)

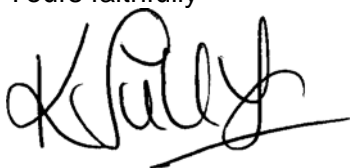
Admission Form and MFL (Modern Foreign Languages) Choices

Attached to this letter is the school Admission Form and MFL Choice Form. Please could you complete and return both forms to Mrs Julia Owen at Sprowston Community High School by **Friday 26th March**, using the enclosed SAE.

We hope that you will find this information useful and informative. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you are unsure of any of the information provided, or if you have queries which we have not yet addressed.

We very much look forward to meeting with you.

Yours faithfully



Kate Sully
Head of Year 7



Vera Beamles
Assistant Headteacher
KS3 Achievement & Standards



Eaton Vale Activities Centre

21st, 22nd and 23rd September 2010

This year, our Tutor Group Team building exercise will take place at Eaton Vale Activities Centre.

This opportunity to work together as a Tutor Group has proved to be valuable to students in building new friendships and developing self-confidence.

I am pleased that the cost this year is only **£25.50**, which includes transport, but **NOT** lunch.

Students will need to provide themselves with a packed lunch, unless in receipt of Free School Meals, when a packed lunch will be provided.

Activities will include team building exercises and personal challenges in a well supervised and secure environment.

Further details and information can be found at the Eaton Vale Activities Centre Website

www.eatonvale.co.uk

Students will leave school at 08:55, and return to school at 4:30 pm.

The exact programme for the day will be available in September.

Payment

Please note that in order to confirm our numbers to Eaton Vale, we require payment by **30 June 2010** at the latest. Thank you.