

Monday 12th October, 2020.



# Penketh High School

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I'd like to thank the parents and carers who attended our virtual open evenings. Whilst we're disappointed that we couldn't conduct these onsite this year we were staggered by the interest and so pleased to be able to engage with parents in a live environment online; though we recognise this is no substitute for you visiting our school. Can I also thank those who have been in touch to pass on kind words about the events, they were gratefully received and we're just thrilled that we could provide you with the information that you require to help inform your decision making.

We are aware that some parents have enquired if we will be repeating our live online events having missed our initial dates. We are going to hold an extra virtual open event on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> of October between 6pm and 7pm. You can register for the event by emailing [openevening@penkethhigh.org](mailto:openevening@penkethhigh.org).

It's been fantastic for us to welcome pupils and parents who have undertaken a tour of our site this week and we're very much looking forward to meeting all those booked in for a tour in the coming weeks. Again, due to demand, we have issued some further dates and we will ensure that we do all that we can to accommodate everyone who has requested a tour.

We have had some queries relating to our Pupil Admission Number (PAN) for the year ahead. We recognise that some parents hadn't appreciated that we'd reduced our PAN to 180 from September. We do recognise that this might make places at Penketh more competitive to secure and some have questioned our decision, especially given the increased interest in the school following the transformational work undertaken by staff over the last three years.

We haven't taken this decision lightly but ultimately our passion is our pupils and ensuring that we do all we can to support them individually during their time at the school. We know our pupils so well and having these relationships with them and their families allows us to ensure they get the very best support. For us it's not about the numbers through the door but the quality of education and support we can provide to our young people. We felt that this smaller number of maximum pupils in a year group would help us to personalise their experience even more and ultimately support their ambitions for success.

Finally, I'd also like to extend my thanks to the parents who have passed on words of congratulations or encouragement following the news that our Maths department have been nominated for Maths Team/Teacher of the Year at the national TES awards 2020 and also following the announcement that Penketh High has been recognised by Government Initiatives IQ as a 100 Top Performing and Improving School 2020.

Like our positive Ofsted judgement earlier this year, these announcements serve as recognition for the staff at the school who have worked tirelessly on behalf of our pupils to undertake transformational work and for the pupils themselves who have risen to the challenge of higher expectations and standards.

We look forward to meeting pupils and parents in the coming weeks. I'd like to wish you and your families all the very best as what is a trying time for us all.

Yours faithfully,

Mr J Carlin.  
Principal.

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**Extra open event date added –  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020 6pm – 7pm  
Email [openevening@penkethhigh.org](mailto:openevening@penkethhigh.org) to register**