

9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear primary headteacher

I am writing to you as head of one of our feeder primary schools at this critical time for Year 6 parents.

I was pleasantly surprised to hear at a recent Hillingdon Heads Executive that the majority of prospective Year 7 parents are taking the 'new normal' admissions process in their stride. At UHS we have though spoken to a number of potential applicant families who are seeking reassurance with the restrictions of our open events.

Along with other schools we have developed dedicated admissions areas on our website with a sequence of short impacting videos, centred on the student experience. Alongside the videos parents will also notice that we have added links to useful factual information, for example, on curriculum and uniform but also a substantial section on 'Moving Up To Secondary School' that was developed for this current Year 7 cohort who joined us 'virtually' last summer.

In response to the parental requests mentioned above, we have now organised two further virtual open events. These differ in that they will be live and parents will be able to interact and ask questions. The events will be live Zoom meetings with the following format:

- A short introduction by the Principal – 2 minutes
- A new short video 'Our School' will be shared – 4 minutes
- We will address some frequently asked questions – 10 minutes
- Questions from parents – up to 30 minutes

Although the events are advertised on our website I felt it might be useful to circulate the link to you so that you can share it with parents if you felt this would be helpful. Clicking on the link will take parents to the admissions area which includes details of how to sign up for a 'live open event' - [UHS Admissions Information](#).

There are two events:

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm – 5pm and  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 9am – 10am

If you feel that there is any more that we could do at UHS to support, please do drop me a quick email at [principal@uhs.org.uk](mailto:principal@uhs.org.uk) so that we can support families as best we can.

Best wishes in these challenging school times.

Yours faithfully



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