

September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

## Hazelwick School Open Evening, Tuesday 14th September 2021

The staff and students of Hazelwick are delighted to invite you to our Open Evening for parents/carers of children who are interested in joining Hazelwick in September 2022.

The Hazelwick Open Evening is always a very well attended and popular event. Due to current circumstances, this year we will be running our Open Evening in four distinct time slots in order to deliver a series of talks and tours as safely and effectively as possible.

In each 60-minute time slot, I will deliver a presentation which will be followed by a guided tour around the site with a member of staff. The tour will give you and your child the opportunity to meet staff and students, visit a wide range of the high-quality facilities and teaching areas across the school and hear about Hazelwick's fantastic academic and pastoral provision. Senior staff and school governors will also be available throughout the evening.

Each talk will start promptly on the hour for each group of visitors and we ask that you do not arrive more than 20 minutes before the allotted start time; the talk and tour combined will last one hour. For example, the presentation to the 4.00pm - 5.00pm group will start at 4.00pm, with visitors able to arrive from 3.40pm. The tour will finish at 5.00pm.

In order to have sufficient spaces for all families of Year 6 children that are interested in a place for September 2022, we respectfully ask that any families with Year 5 children do not attend on this evening. Many parents/carers will understandably wish to be accompanied by their children who are involved in this admission year. Please be aware, however, that we will have limited numbers on the school site during the evening and we would ask, if at all possible, for you to avoid bringing younger or older siblings.

All visitors will need to book a scheduled Talk and Tour time slot through the following link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3h8QJnC">https://bit.ly/3h8QJnC</a>. Each booking will give a guaranteed place for the Talk and Tour. This link is available in a pop-up banner on the school website. It is essential that places are booked in advance as admission to the site and the talks will be through this system only.

There will also be the opportunity to visit the school during a normal weekday in order to gain an impression of the school at work. In the current circumstances, please understand that the numbers for these tours will be limited. Details of how to book these tours will be published on the website after the Open Evening.

We have compiled a Hazelwick Special Edition Newsletter showcasing a number of the highlights in the Hazelwick school year. Paper copies will be available on the evening and you can view this on the school website under the Parent/Carer tab. There is a dedicated Open Evening page on the school website that will go live on 15<sup>th</sup> September following the Open Evening. In this section, you will find information about Hazelwick school life, the admissions process and Frequently Asked Questions from both Year 6 children and parents/carers.

Access for parents/carers arriving will be via the main school entrance (Hazelwick School Close, off Bycroft Way). The main school gates in Hazelwick School Close are the only gates that will be open for the evening. Attendants will direct you to a car parking space. Please do not park in Bycroft Way or in Hazelwick Mill Lane, on which parking restrictions are imposed. Parking space on the school site is limited, so please consider whether you need to bring your car.

Making the decision about the secondary education of your child is a very important one. We will do our utmost to provide you with the fullest possible information on which to base your decision and we look forward to meeting you at our Open Evening.

Yours faithfully

Ms A Fearon Headteacher