



THE MARSH ACADEMY



The Skinners' family of schools

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am pleased to invite you to our Year 6 Transition Open Day on Saturday 25th September from 10am-12pm. The last couple of years have been challenging for us all, not least for children moving up to secondary school in difficult circumstances and we are keen to ensure that students have the opportunity to at least visit their local secondary school before making such an important decision. It will not be possible for us to provide quite such a full interactive programme on the day as we usually would, but there will be the opportunity to tour the school, speak to staff and existing students and get a sense of the Academy and our ethos and values. I hope this will enable you to make an informed choice as to whether we are the right school for your child.

Recent years have seen many students achieve excellent results at both GCSE and A Level enabling them to move on to Higher Education, apprenticeships or employment. Ofsted last inspected the academy in 2017, confirming it continues to be considered as a 'Good' school, but this only tells you a small amount about what a school is like. More detailed information about results and the Ofsted inspections is available through our website www.marshacademy.org.uk. Perhaps though, what we are most proud of is that we are now consistently oversubscribed in year 7, reinforcing that the local community consider us to be the school of choice for most children.

While of course our staff and students are rightly proud of the school we have become, it is important that, as a parent / carer, you visit the academy to decide whether you feel our school is the right one for your child. We have the most success with students whose parents share our vision and support us, whether through our behaviour and uniform policies, supporting students' work at home or through the vast range of extra-curricular activities we are able to offer.

I could insert various quotes from Ofsted here, but instead I invite you to read the inspection reports for yourselves and share our statement of Values and Ethos, which can be found on our website, which I think is a more important reflection of the school we are and how we strive to support our students.

Doors will open at 10am, please come to the main reception when you arrive to register; this year we will be sending our prospectus and other documents electronically, so this is really important. Then you are welcome to attend a talk in the Theatre and tour the academy. Staff and students will be available for you to speak to as you look around.

We would also be delighted to conduct daytime tours of the academy for parents to view us in action; if you would like to register your interest, please e-mail Year6@marshacademy.org.uk with your contact details.

We would be grateful if parents could advise us in advance of any accessibility issues of which we need to be aware for the day as there will be events in several locations around the school site.

I very much look forward to meeting you.

Yours faithfully

Shaun Simmons
Principal