



Saint Benedict
A Catholic Voluntary Academy

To: Parents/Carers of Year 6

15 September 2021

Dear Year 6 Parents and Carers,

Saint Benedict Catholic School Year 6 Open Evening

I do hope that Year 6 has started well for your child. You will be aware the closing date for applications for secondary school places for next year must be submitted to your local authority by the 31st October 2021. The purpose of this letter is to set out the information you need about applying to Saint Benedict Catholic School.

When is Open Evening?

- On Monday 27th September, we will publish our [Virtual Open Evening Page](#) so that you have the opportunity to find out all about the school before our online live event. This page will remain available right up until the deadline for applications so that you and your children can visit it as many times as you wish.

This will include a home page for whole school information and separate pages for each of our curriculum areas. You can expect to find:

- Each Subject Director of Learning introducing themselves, their subject areas and telling you what you need to know about studying their subject at Saint Benedict Catholic School
 - The Head Boy and Head Girl telling you about themselves and their experiences at Saint Benedict School
 - Year 7 students talking about their first few weeks at Saint Benedict School
 - A message from Mrs Best your future Head of Year on the pastoral life of the school.
- On Thursday 30th September at 6pm, we will run a live presentation on Microsoft Teams for all parents and carers. This will include a presentation from myself and an opportunity to meet key staff at Saint Benedict School. The Head Boy and Head Girl will also join us for this evening. You can access the event by following this [link](#) on the 30th September from 5.45pm. During the presentation, there will be a live Q&A stream, which you can use to ask us any questions about the school.

Why is Open Evening online this year?

In the absence of any national guidance, we must navigate our own way through how we will run parents' events during this term whilst we remain in a pandemic. The Year 6 Open Evening is a huge event that brings together children and families from primary schools across Derby City and Derbyshire. In order to ensure we continue to keep everyone safe, we have elected to run the event virtually.

Please do explore our website, which provides a wealth of information that will help you find out more about our great school. In particular, you may find these links useful:



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- The [Year 7 2021 | Saint Benedict](#) page contains all the information we shared with Year 6 last year during transition
- Our “Virtual Transition Day” held in the summer term [Year 6 Virtual Transition Days](#)
- Our [Year 7 Pupil handbook](#) where you can find more information about starting in Year 7

My child has a Special Educational Need or Disability and I would like the opportunity to contact someone in school.

Please phone the school reception on 01332 557032 and ask to speak to Annett Johnson (SENDCO) who will be happy to help you.

I would like to visit the school before I make my application.

We will be offering a limited number of tours of the school should you wish to visit us in person before making your application. The details of these will be shared at the open evening event, and there will be the opportunity to sign up to an allocated time on the webpage.

At Saint Benedict we pride ourselves in being a happy school where our young people are at the heart of all that we do. As a Catholic school, we use the life of Christ as our inspiration and our values of love, acceptance and forgiveness can be seen in every aspect of our work. We look forward to showing you our wonderful school and I do hope you find the information we publish on our website on the 27th September useful. I am looking forward to meeting you “virtually” at the live online presentation at 6pm on the 30th September.

Yours sincerely

Mr K Gritton
Headteacher