



Stockport Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to Stockport Academy

I am delighted to welcome you to Stockport Academy and I am pleased that your son/daughter has been allocated a place with us for September 2011.

As the new Principal, I would like to invite you to the academy on **Thursday 7th April**. This is simply an opportunity for you to come along, meet me and my senior staff and ask any questions that you might have.

Stockport Academy has been recognised, following publication of the league tables, as the fourth most improved academy in the country. This however is only the start of our journey over the next few years as we strive to become the outstanding academy our students and their community deserve.

We pride ourselves at Stockport Academy and strive for high standards in all that we do. These high standards include uniform, punctuality to the academy in the morning and courtesy to all members of our local community. We want all students to achieve their personal best and make good to outstanding progress.

We are looking forward to our new cohort joining us and to building a strong partnership with parents, this will be the first of several invitations that you will receive over the coming months to secure the happiness and success of all our students when they join us in September.

Visits to all our primary schools will be made over the next few weeks by our Transition Co-ordinator Jessica Taylor and I know that your son/daughter will welcome Miss Taylor's boundless energy and her smiling face as she offers support through this transition period.

In the meantime, I draw your attention to the information enclosed with this letter.

These will also be available shortly on our website at www.stockport-academy.org in the Parents' Information section.

Club School Link Open Morning Saturday 26th March 2011 10.00am – 12.00pm

There will be eight different sports here on the day; Netball, basketball, lacrosse, boxing, cheerleading, rugby, dance and football. Each sport will be running a practice and you are welcome to come and have a look at the club in action. Each club will have a specific area around the school. It will also be a great opportunity to come in and have a look around the amazing facilities we have here at Stockport Academy.

New Intake – First Parents' Evening Thursday 7th April 2011 7.00pm

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to our first New Intake evening for parents. The aim of the evening is to answer any initial questions you might have, meet with senior staff and if you haven't already, have a look around the academy. Even if you are not entirely certain of taking up your place at Stockport Academy, I would urge you to come along and have a look around.

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New Intake – Second Parents’ Evening Tuesday 12th July 2011 7.00pm – 8.30pm

At the second parents’ evening you will meet form tutors, the Progress Leader for Year 7 and the Transition Co-ordinator together with other key members of staff. You will find out key information about the transition from Year 6 to Year 7 including starting information for September.

Induction Day – Thursday 7th July 2011

Our work starts in earnest on Thursday 7th July when we are pleased to welcome our new students for the day so that they can become familiar with the academy and meet their new year group, staff and tutors.

Key Stage 2 SATs

We are aware that a number of primary schools may not have participated in this year’s Key Stage 2 tests. We need baseline data to be able to ensure students are in the correct set for their ability. We also need to make certain that we are setting appropriate targets for the students to achieve in Year 9 and Year 11.

We will be CAT testing students one of their induction day. CAT tests are cognitive ability tests that measure students abilities in a range of skills. Result from the CAT tests will be used to set students and set targets where no Key Stage 2 data is available.

Year 7 Residential Trip to Boreatton Park PGL, Shropshire.

I am really excited to inform parents that in their first week, students will be going on a residential trip to Boreatton Park PGL, Shropshire. This trip will enable your son/daughter to make new friends, meet the people they will be in lessons and form time with and to meet their new teachers. The activity trip is 3 days/2 nights and they will be able to take part in a variety of fun activities.

This will be the first of many communications over the coming months, and I am looking forward to building a positive relationship with you over the coming years. It is my intention that every student of Stockport Academy makes outstanding progress and enjoys their daily experience within the academy. We have an extremely bright future and our results last year were only the first step in our journey to becoming the first outstanding school in Stockport.

Please feel free to contact me any time on 0161 286 0330 or email me at ben.dunne@stockport-academy.org should you want to meet with me personally over the coming weeks.

Finally, I want all students at Stockport Academy to dare to dream.

Best wishes



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