



Toynbee School

a specialist humanities school

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Dear Parents

I am delighted that you have chosen Toynbee Secondary School for the next phase in your child's education. Our high academic expectations and excellent pastoral support will help your child to fulfil their full potential. In addition, the range of educational experiences and extra-curricular activities offer opportunities to extend and develop skills and talents beyond the classroom. We hope that through close partnership and mutual support, your child will enjoy learning at Toynbee and achieve their personal best over the coming years.

With the valued input of our primary school colleagues we shall be forming tutor groups that reflect the full range of personal and intellectual abilities and talents. Pupils from all our feeder schools will be placed in tutor groups according to the above criteria together with some others from their school or current class. Experience has shown that greater sociability within the group is developed if we do not rigidly adhere to established friendship groups. These can be maintained through mixing at break, lunchtime and after school. The first few days are an opportunity to help each other through new experiences and young people quickly find their feet and make new friends.

So that we can keep you in close touch with transition to Toynbee, I enclose a data collection sheet which I would be grateful if you could return to Mrs T Morris. This will provide us with up to date contact details for you and aid the flow of information, please include an email address which we can contact you on.

By returning the data sheet you are confirming you accept the place at Toynbee, so it is vital that it is returned as soon as possible.

This year we are offering Spanish and French to pupils. If you have a valid request for a particular language, please contact Theresa Morris on 023 80252145 or email t.morris@toynbee.hants.sch.uk by Friday 27th May 2016, and we will do our best to ensure that we place your child in that language preference.

During the summer term pupils will be introduced to some activities in preparation for Toynbee and there will be an Induction Day here on **Tuesday 5th July** for pupils, when a full programme of taster lessons and experiences will be on offer. Further details will be given nearer the date. We have a team of staff and pupils who will be visiting feeder schools over the coming weeks to meet our new student and answer their questions about moving up.

Please note that we will be holding a parents evening on **Monday 4th July** here at **6.30pm** and I would encourage you to put this date in your diary now.

I look forward to meeting you on the evening and the new pupils on Induction Day when we will explain the organisation, curriculum and ethos of the school, together with our expectations of all pupils. You will receive more details of these meetings next term. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Longden
Headteacher

