



September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

We are excited to write to you to invite you to our Open Evening for 2021. We know that last year's pandemic meant that we had to share information about our school virtually. This year we are really looking forward to parents, carers and Year 6 students visiting the site, meeting staff and students and see for themselves just how proud we are of our school.

In this letter, I hope to answer some of the questions that you may have about our induction process.

Open Evening– Kesgrave High School – Thursday 7 October 2021

During the evening there will be a chance to see all aspects of the school. Our departments have an array of interactive activities for the Year 6 students and we very much hope that you will be able to join us to experience this. Year 10 and 11 prefects and peer mentors will take visitors on a tour of the school. We know that they are eager to be able to share with you their pride in our school. There will be two prefect stations as you arrive at the school and from here you will be guided around the site and to the talks.

Throughout the evening there will be four repeated talks from the Headteacher, the Head of Year and a few special guests. We are asking that different feeder primary schools attend different talks, to manage congestion at this busy evening. All talks will be held in the Thomas Theatre and the prefects and peer mentors will guide you to this during the tour. Our doors will open at 5.45pm and tours can take place before or after the talk (with the exception of after the last tour, when we will let departmental staff head home, to stay fresh for their teaching the following day!)

- 6.00pm Parents, carers and students from
Bealings, Birchwood and Cedarwood Primary School.
- 6.45pm Parents, carers and students from
Gorseland, Martlesham and Bucklesham Primary School.
- 7.30pm Parents, carers and students from
Heath, Waldringfield and Nacton Primary School.
- 8.15pm Parents, carers and students from
non-feeder primary schools.

As with all on-site events at this time at Kesgrave High School, we ask that, if possible, you conduct a Lateral Flow test before coming to the event. We appreciate that not all will be familiar with this routine, but we hope that as many of you as possible will be able to conduct this, as part of our protective measures at this time. At this stage we are also asking visitors to wear a mask, whilst inside the building.

Please be aware that parking on site is very limited and we encourage all families to use the opportunity to practise the walk to school, using the subway to cross the main road.

We are really looking forward to welcoming all parents and carers and Year 6 children to this event.

Induction

Once applications are received and places are secured (March 2022), we will be in touch with all those who will be joining us, sharing with you and your child further insights into life at Kesgrave High School. In these months we hope to start to build our relationship together, dispel any fears about this important transition and support a smooth passage into your child's next educational chapter. This will include a full induction day on **Tuesday 12 July 2022**.

In order to support our eco-credentials, we are now providing our school prospectus in digital form only. This will be available shortly on our website on our JOIN US page.

<https://www.kesgrave.suffolk.sch.uk/main-school/>

Kesgrave High School is an eco-friendly school so if you live near to the school, could you please walk as parking on site is extremely limited.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julia Upton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a long, sweeping underline.

Miss Julia Upton
Headteacher