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Admission to Year 7 September 2010

What happens next?

For parents who are considering this school as their choice for Year 7 in 2010 there are events and activities that are designed to give you all the information you need and to make the transition from primary school as smooth as possible:

- Our Open Evening for parents and children is on **Thursday 8 October, at 7pm in the school hall**. A short talk will give you some additional information and you are then free to tour the school, look at lots of exciting and interesting displays and talk to our staff and our students. **If arriving by car please enter the school grounds via Galley's Bank** and you will be directed to a parking space.
- Visits to this school for lessons or visits to primary schools by our staff and older students may take place during Year 6. (These are offered to the primary schools as part of our community programme.)
- All children who will be joining us in September visit us in the summer term when they will meet their new form tutor and learn all about our routines and how we will be supporting them in Year 7.
- Parents are invited to a meeting shortly afterwards when they will receive the Parents' Support Pack and have an opportunity to ask questions and buy items of uniform and equipment.

How well do parents and students think we are doing?

We consult with parents and students every year and we take all comments seriously. In fact these comments are used by us to plan our priorities for the next school year. You will find a summary of the opinions of the current Year 7 parents and students overleaf, followed by a few more personal comments from Year 7 students.

Year 7 Parents' Survey March 2009 – agree or strongly agree that:
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My child likes school	97
My child is making good progress with their learning	97
Most students behave well	93
My child is not bullied at school	95
Teaching is good	98
I am kept well informed about how my child is getting on	97
I feel comfortable about approaching the school with questions, a problem or a complaint	97
Staff expect my child to work hard and do their best	100
The school is led and managed well	100
Staff treat my child fairly	100
The school seeks the views of parents and takes account of their suggestions and concerns	97
I feel comfortable about approaching the school for information, advice or guidance regarding my child	99
The school provides appropriate homework	94
Staff encourage my child to become mature and independent	99
There is a good range of activities that my child finds interesting and enjoyable	96
The arrangements for my child to settle in when they started at the school were good	100



Students are encouraged to learn musical instruments.

Year 7 Students' survey March 2009* – agree or strongly agree that:	%
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I really like school	81
I feel I belong in school	81
I feel safe in this school	77
I would recommend this school to others	85
I get on well with my teachers	81
I make progress every day in my lessons	83
Behaviour in this school is good	71
I am getting a good education here	90
There is someone I can talk to if I have a problem	80

*How do we compare? National surveys produce results of 60% or less for these questions.

Here are comments from some of our current Year 7 students:

“We have fun lessons.”

Oliver Simpson, Packmoor

“All teachers are extremely kind and understanding. The after-school sports or music clubs are fantastic.”

Harry Watkin, Thursfield

“I like how the teachers cooperate nicely with the students.”

Rebecca Walker, Maryhill

“Our school is a bully-free zone, which means that if anyone is being bullied it will be stopped immediately.”

Katie & Natalie Savage, St Saviours
Cymone Storer, Burnwood
Andrew Bunn, St John’s

“... it is very quiet and serene. The school is kept very clean ...”

Kasia-Belle Cope, Packmoor

“Getting things wrong is quite hard as the teachers explain what you have to do clearly. If you do get something wrong, however, the teacher will explain how you went wrong.”

Dan Ryder, St Thomas’



Science Challenge Day January 2009

Admission to Maryhill High School

If you decide that you do wish your child to enrol at this school then you must put Maryhill as your first preference on the form you will receive from your local authority or on their online form. It does not matter whether you live in Cheshire, Staffordshire or Stoke-on-Trent; neither does the primary school your child attends affect the procedure. The forms will all be passed on to Staffordshire who will process them and admit children to Year 7 according to the national agreement, in this order:

- Nominated school for special educational needs
- Catchment area children
- Siblings
- Distance from the school

As we have 150 places for Year 7 children in 2010 there will be no problem in admitting all children who wish to come here. If you have any questions about this please contact us.

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Headteacher