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Dear Year 4 and 5 Parents

The Transition Meeting Thursday 1 March 2018

You will have noticed this event in the calendar for this term and I would like to give you a bit more information on the contents and purpose of this meeting as we get closer to the date.

The focus of the evening is to go through with you the potentially daunting process of finding the right school for your son or daughter when they leave us at the end of Year 6. You will, I am sure, have been thinking seriously about your choice of secondary school destinations for some time. I am also aware some of you may not be completely clear about how and when different things happen as part of this process, and the necessary procedures required for your child's applications to secondary schools. The transition meeting on 1 March will hopefully clarify the timeline involved in this and explain a bit more about how we can help you navigate the process without too much anxiety.

At the meeting you will be told about how and when to apply for maintained and independent secondary schools, the type of standardised scoring that the maintained schools use and there will be advice from members of staff on preparing your child for the exams they will be sitting. In June next term, parents of children in Year 5 will be invited in for consultations with Ms Forth and Ms Lowe to talk through the current state of play in terms of the progress of each child and specifically focus on the best options available. This discussion is very much about choosing the right school for your child, where they will flourish and their talents given a chance to develop and shine.

For now, you don't need to do anything other than continue to support your child's learning as best you can, and take any opportunity you get to visit the schools that you are considering. Attached to this letter is a timeline of what will happen over the next 12 months. I hope you find this useful.

Parking will be available in the school playground from 6.45pm onwards.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Thackway'.

Joe Thackway
Headmaster

Senior School (11-18 years) at Princethorpe College

Junior School (4-11 years) at Crescent School

Junior School and Little Crackers Nursery (2-11 years) at Crackley Hall



Year 7 Transitions Timeline

- Y4 into Y5:** Go to open days, look around schools, get prospectuses
Take your child to look around an independent school during a working day
- Y5 into early Y6:** Enter for any independent school entrance exams (don't do too many!)
Consider any scholarships that may be on offer
- May Y5:** Parents will receive information about 11+. Available from Tuesday 8 May
Complete and submit signed paperwork
- June Y5:** Parent consultation with Ms Lowe and Ms Forth with a specific focus on next steps
Open evenings for state senior schools
Closing date for 11+ registration (29 June)
- Summer holidays:** Additional preparation work is sent home for the children for the last 2 weeks of the holiday
At the end of August you will be informed where and when your child will sit the 11+ test
- September Y6:** 11+ exam (Saturday 8 September this year)
- October Y6:** 11+ rankings and scores are sent out (please let us know as we do not hear)
A drop in session for parents and child with Ms Lowe and Mr Thackway to discuss 11+ scores and rankings
Parents need to complete common application form by the end of the month. Remember to send proof of address
Parents to complete the extra-curricular pro-forma sent by Ms Lowe to aid the writing of references for independent schools
Work sent home to help with exam preparation for independent schools
Ms Lowe to coordinate references for independent schools that all staff will complete honestly. There will be enough detail included to support any scholarships applications you have made.
Bablake, King Henry VIII, Kingsley School and King's High entrance exam
- November Y6:** Princethorpe Entrance exam
Warwick entrance exam
Results are posted out from the independent schools to parents (let us know as we are not told).
- February Y6:** Rugby School entrance exam
Parent consultation with all teachers, subject based
- March Y6:** National offers day for applications to state secondary schools (again, please let us know).
Drop in session after school for parents to discuss offers with Ms Lowe and Mr Thackway
Accept or decline all the offers- you could be liable for fees or stopping another child getting a place at that school
Parents appeal if necessary, we will support with honest details if requested
- June/July Y6:** Induction day at the chosen senior school
Ms Lowe meets with the state secondary schools to discuss each child