

Dear Parents, Carers and Year 6 students

A very warm welcome to Watling Academy.

I am delighted that your child has been successful in being offered a place to join our community in September.

As a parent of three children, I appreciate that the process of choosing through to starting secondary school can be an anxious time for parents and children alike. Here at Watling Academy, we will work together with each one of our new families to make the next few months exciting, informative and provide a chance to look ahead to the inspiring opportunities Watling Academy will present.

At Watling, our core values of Respect, Responsibility and Kindness will drive all aspects of our work together and are underpinned by our three curriculum themes, namely STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths), the development of Milton Keynes and the challenges we face around the environment and sustainability.

Watling Academy is fully inclusive and has the highest expectations of our staff and students. The reward for students' hard work, commitment and exemplary behaviour will be a stimulating, enriching learning environment and high levels of achievement in relation to their individual starting points.

We are fully staffed for September with an inspirational team of subject specialists and have recruited a well-qualified, committed, and enthusiastic team of Associate staff, all ready to work in partnership with you as parents and carers to ensure your child receives the highest quality of Education, Care and Opportunity, in line with the ethos of the Denbigh Alliance Multi-Academy Trust.

I would like to draw your attention to a few key pieces of information about the Transition process from Primary School and dates for your diary.

1. As we have 330 students joining us in September, we have taken the decision to split the year group into two distinct cohorts of 180 and 150 students so that we can provide more individualised pastoral care. Each of the cohorts will have their own dedicated Head of Year and Pastoral team. You will receive further details in the summer term.

2. We will be arranging visits to Primary Schools over the next few months to speak to teachers and our new Year 7 students. This will give us valuable information about each child to aid us in making their transition to Watling as smooth as possible.

3. There will be an Information Evening for New Parents of each cohort on Wednesday 5th July 2023 in the Meeting Hall at Watling Academy. During that afternoon/evening there will be multiple presentations to allow our whole new cohort to attend. It is important that all new parents and students attend the evening as there will be vital information about uniform, Academy routines and expectations and a chance to meet the Year 7 Pastoral team. I will send out further details to you nearer the time.

4. In addition to this welcome letter, we have also attached an information booklet for all parents/carers, alongside this we have also attached our term dates for Watling Academy for the Academic year 2023-24.

**Later this week we will be sending you an email link with login details so that you can complete our student information booklet and a set of parental consents in advance of September.** I would be grateful if you could complete and return that online form by **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023**.

If you have any questions before our next communication later this week, then please do not hesitate to contact us at [admissions@watling.academy](mailto:admissions@watling.academy).

Finally, I would like to reiterate my pleasure at welcoming you to the Watling community and working closely with you to ensure the Watling years are happy, successful, and fulfilling ones.

Yours sincerely,



Mr I Bacon  
Headteacher