

Dear Parent/Carer

Headteacher: Mr. A Hunter

Welcome to Samuel Ward Academy: Joining Year 7 in September 2021

I would like to welcome your child to Samuel Ward Academy. Transition to secondary school is an exciting time for children and we are very much looking forward to your child becoming part of our school family.

Our transition process is now underway and involves considerable contact between primary and secondary schools and plenty of opportunities for your child to become familiar and comfortable with their new school before September. I know from my own experience as a parent that the transition process is often more challenging for parents than for children. At Samuel Ward Academy we recognise that the home:school relationship is vital for the happiness and success of children and we are looking forward to working with you over the next five to seven years.

To enable us to get your child registered on our school systems, and to ensure we can keep you updated via parentmail, please complete the following form using this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/aoJLDZwwED>

The current coronavirus pandemic means that the dates of some valuable activities – such as our parents' transition meetings- will need to wait for now. While we could meet remotely over zoom, I feel that the opportunity to safely meet in person and get a better feel for the school is worth waiting for.

You will find our schools information booklet on our website here:

<https://samuelward.co.uk/new-student-guide> A copy of this letter can also be found here which may make using the links more straightforward.

In the information booklet you will find valuable information about term dates, timings of the school day, how to order uniform and much more. It will be continually updated as the pandemic wanes and some of the current uncertainties around what schools can safely do get resolved.

In addition, your child will have a **Pupil Passport** which they will work through at their current school. This will tell us more about your child and give their secondary teachers an example of their finest work to ensure that we build appropriately upon their prior learning and abilities.

I look forward to meeting you at the earliest opportunity.

Kind regards,



Kev Geall
Deputy Headteacher

The best way to predict the future... is to create it.

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