



THE THOMAS LORD AUDLEY SCHOOL

Part of The Sigma Trust

Headteacher: Helena Boast BA MEd

Parent/Carer Year 6 Student

29 September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to update you about our plans to help you to make decisions about secondary school applications for your child. At this time of year we would normally have been welcoming you to our Open Morning tours and our Open Evening. During these sessions you would have got to see how fantastic our learning environment is during the school day as well as what different subject areas offer our young people. Your child would usually have attended a 'Taster Day' where they would have joined us for a day to experience some of our subjects and to meet our staff. In light of the restrictions on schools currently we have had to think differently about how we provide you and your child with information about our school. I am pleased to inform you about the following arrangements that we have made.

Website

We have already loaded new information to our website to help you and your child to find out much more about life at our school. Please visit our website www.tla.essex.sch.uk and click the link at the top "Admissions 2021". On this page you will find a presentation that I have recorded for you. There is also a link to our new prospectus, a virtual tour of the school and a presentation about our clubs and extracurricular activities. Over the next few days we will be adding additional material. This will include an opportunity to see presentations from senior staff in school, some videos of real lessons taking place in school and interviews with students.

Virtual Year 6 Assemblies

I have been in discussion with your child's primary school and over the next couple of weeks will be presenting an assembly live to them to give them more information about the school and to give them a chance to ask any questions that they may have. These assemblies will be conducted virtually and we are finalising the arrangements so that we can get the assemblies started soon.

Virtual Presentation and Q&A Session with Parents/Carers

On Wednesday 7th October we will hold two online meetings where we will present more information about the Thomas Lord Audley School, our staff and our students. There will also be an opportunity for you to ask questions that may help with your decision about your child's secondary school application. We intend to have two presentations; 10.00am to 11.00am and 4.30pm to 5.30pm. You are invited to book a place on one of these virtual presentations by emailing my PA Mrs Hughes (simone.hughes@tla.school). Please clearly state your name, a contact telephone number, your child's name, your child's primary school and your preferred presentation time. Initially there will be a limited number of places for each presentation. We will add other dates for additional presentations if demand is high. Please note that if we have a high level of staff absence due to Coronavirus we may need to change these arrangements at short notice.



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We appreciate that you will be giving a great deal of thought to this decision about your child's secondary school application. We hope that the arrangements we have made will help to inform your decision. We are looking forward to meeting you and your child soon as well as looking forward to welcoming your child to our Year 7 in September 2021. In the meantime, if you have any questions please contact our dedicated email address Year6@tla.school.

Yours sincerely

Ms H Boast
Headteacher