



September 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

As promised in my letter back in June, I am writing to update you with details of our Open Evening on Monday 21 September 2020.

Having reviewed the on-going situation with Covid-19, we have taken the decision to hold a virtual Open Evening where you will have the opportunity to visit our website at <https://www.inspirationtrust.org/hethersettacademy> and view presentations and information which you would normally expect to glean from an Open Evening. For example, you will be able to view:

- Principal's Address
- Tour of the School
- Speeches from our Head Boy and Head Girl
- Film footage of our staff and students working
- Students talking about trips, visits, performances and sporting opportunities, including their successes
- Footage of Music and Sporting activities
- Detailed information about the excellent Pastoral care offered at Hethersett Academy

You will also have an opportunity to arrange an appointment for a telephone conversation with a member of the Senior Leadership Team or SENDCO for the evening of Monday 21 September 2020 between 17:00 and 20:00. If this is something that you are interested in then please contact Miss Kelly-Marie Watson on 01603 810924 ext. 263 and she will arrange a suitable time.

We are the most successful non-boarding state school in Norfolk and Ofsted have recognised the outstanding work that we do here at the Academy. We are fully committed to maintaining this high standard in making education exciting and appropriately challenging for every student.

Our students are hard-working and well-behaved and our staff is dedicated and constantly developing innovative lessons to inspire and motivate our students. Behaviour is outstanding as students are keen to learn and respond well to challenge. Our comprehensive extra-curricular provision allows students to excel in a wide variety of sports and the arts.

Students at Hethersett Academy are supported by our strong pastoral system and year 6 students typically attend transition days in July before more conventional learning in the classroom begins. We are committed to creating an atmosphere which is conducive to a smooth transition from year 6 to year 7. We offer a parents evening to coincide with the July transition days and two further parents' evenings, one of which is early in the autumn term to help children settle.

Some GCSE subjects begin in year 9 so that students are well prepared for their GCSEs in year 11. Students are guided in making choices, with 'work experience' taking place in year 10 and a programme of careers being delivered to all year groups.

If you would like to see for yourself how Hethersett Academy can help your child to reach their potential in a caring and idyllic location, please do join us for our virtual Open Evening, further details will follow!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact my PA, Mrs Kerry Theobald, on 01603 810924 ext. 2020.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ms J Diver', written over a horizontal line.

Ms J Diver
Principal