



Coxheath Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

May I first of all take this opportunity to say what a great start all the pupils made to Year 5 last week. They have already shown a mature and responsible approach to both their work and how they behave around the school.

Although it may yet feel like a long way off, you may wish to start thinking about your child's transition to secondary school. Most of the local secondary schools at this time of year run open events for Year 6 pupils but also welcome parents and children in Year 5 to come along too. It is a really valuable experience for the children at this stage as it will be something they start talking about with each other and having the chance to see the different schools also allows them to see for themselves what the schools are actually like.

Last year, Coxheath pupils went on to ten different secondary schools and although the majority went to Cornwallis it really is important to see as many different schools as you can at this stage. It should then help with making the final decisions next year. If you and your child are considering applying to sit the Kent Test then you should try and visit both grammar and comprehensive schools. There will be more information regarding applying for the Kent Test available to you later in the year.

A good place to start is by looking at the secondary school websites and talking to family, friends and staff. Most of the schools run an open evening as well as some open events during the school day. To try and minimise disruption to their learning, we would encourage you where possible to attend the evening events this year. The day events are more useful to you when your child is in Year 6 and we would not be able to authorise these absences. To help, I have included details below of events for many of the schools.

St Augustine's Academy: Thursday 12th September (6pm- 9pm) or Saturday 14th September (10am- 1pm)
Cornwallis Academy: Wednesday 18th September (5.30pm -7.30pm)
Valley Park: Thursday 19th September (6pm- 9pm)
New Line Learning: Thursday 26th September (4pm -8.30pm)
High Weald Academy: Tuesday 1st October (6pm- 7.30pm)
Invicta Grammar School for Girls: Thursday 3 October (6pm - 9pm)
St Simon Stock: Thursday 3 October (5pm-7.30pm)
Maidstone Girls Grammar School: Tuesday 8th October (5pm- 8pm)
Maplesden Noakes: Thursday 10th October (5pm - 8pm)
Oakwood Park Grammar School (boys) Saturday 12th October (9am-12.30pm)
Maidstone Grammar School (boys) Thursday 17th October (4pm-8pm)

I hope this is all of some use to you. We are always happy to speak with you if you have any questions. Both myself and Mrs Evenden would be able to speak to you about any questions you have. Please contact the office or catch one of us on the playground as needed.

Kind Regards

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Assistant Headteacher and Assessment Lead
