



Dear Parents and Carers

Though we are only at the start of your child's time in Year Six we are also at the point of the year when you will need to be thinking about your options for Secondary education commencing September 2021.

### **Applying for a place in an Independent school**

The process for application to an independent school varies widely from school to school and you are advised to contact the School directly during the early part of this half term.

You would need to book a visit or attend an Open Day and then register with the school so that your child can be considered for a place.

In some schools there are entrance tests in October/November and in others these take place in January.

At St Peter's School, pupils who have attended since Year Three will have had nearly four years of weekly practice with verbal and non-verbal reasoning, aspects included in many schools' entrance tests. There will sometimes be a maths paper, a reading comprehension paper and sometimes a writing paper, all areas of working in which our pupils are very familiar.

If you are applying for an independent senior school place then please keep us informed so that we can support your child and prepare them as best we can.

### **Applying for a place in a state-funded school in Northamptonshire**

A pdf booklet which explains what you need to do to apply for a secondary school place in a county state-funded school can be accessed from the NCC website using the link below

<https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/school-admissions/secondary-school-places/Documents/Applying%20for%20a%20Secondary%20School%20Place%20in%20Northamptonshire%20for%202021%20%E2%80%93%20Composite%20Prospectus.pdf>

You can apply online or on paper. An online application usually results in you receiving the decision in March quicker than a postal confirmation.

The link below directs you to the page which contains the section 'apply for a secondary school place'.



<https://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/school-admissions/secondary-school-places/Pages/how-to-apply-for-a-secondary-school-place.aspx>

This link (below) will give you the key dates for your secondary school application for your son or daughter.

<https://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/school-admissions/secondary-school-places/Pages/secondary-school-applications-key-dates.aspx>

Some schools expect you to also submit *additional* information to them directly. This link will tell you more:

<https://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/school-admissions/secondary-school-places/Pages/supplementary-forms---secondary-schools-that-require-additional-information.aspx>

**The closing date for applications to state schools is by 31st October 2020. Offers are emailed or sent to you on 1st March 2021.**

Many schools offer Open Days and tours. I would encourage you to attend these. COVID may have an impact on this but some will still offer virtual tours or socially-distanced meetings with Registrars and Admissions departments.

I hope that the information above is useful to you.

It is not appropriate or possible for me to make applications to senior/secondary schools on your behalf but if you wish to discuss any aspect of the application process for either state or independent schools then do please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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