



6th October 2017

Dear Parents of children in Years 5-6

Senior Schools Information Evening – Thursday 19th October, 6.00pm

As your children move through Years 5 and 6, you may have started to think about which senior school they may go to when the time comes to graduate from Town Close. As I am sure you know, I passionately believe that all pupils benefit most from a Town Close education by continuing until the end of Year 8 and we should therefore be thinking about options from Year 9 onwards.

If you are only considering a local day or day/boarding option, you have plenty of time as applications do not need to be made until Year 8, with no advantage gained by registering early. However, if you are looking at boarding options further afield, particularly in well-known national schools, you sometimes need to register as early as Year 5, meaning that decisions need to be made much earlier. As a guide, I have attached a list of senior schools where Town Close pupils have recently applied, with details of deadlines for entry.

For those of you likely to consider an academically selective day school, there is one co-ed senior school that selects by ability in Norwich and one girls only option. Both can be excellent choices for academically able children, depending on what factors are important to them. I would caution you, though, that academically selective schools may not be the best option for marginal candidates. A good general rule is that if a school is right for your child, they will successfully gain entry whenever they apply and we have certainly had a great deal of success in 13+ assessments in recent years.

On Thursday 19th October we are holding our biennial senior schools information evening from 6.00pm, to which you and your children are warmly invited. Former Town Close pupils, now studying at a range of senior schools, will be here to give you a guide to their new school and a first-hand account of their experiences since they graduated from Town Close. Afterwards there will be the opportunity to talk individually to the senior school pupils and to view the information sent by all the senior schools.

We hope that this will serve as a very useful starting point as you begin to consider possible options for the future and I look forward to seeing as many as possible of you there.

Yours sincerely

Nicholas Bevington