



6<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Dear Parents of children in Years 7 and 8

## **Senior Schools Information Evening – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 6.00pm**

I hope that your children are enjoying being in Year 7 & 8 and experiencing for themselves how valuable the learning in these years is. As hard as it can be to think of life after Town Close, we also now need to look to the future. For Year 7 parents, if you have not already done so, now is a good time to be starting to consider which senior school your children may attend after they graduate Town Close at the end of Year 8. For Year 8 parents, this is the time when decisions are being finalised and most applications being made.

If you are only considering a local day or day/boarding option, applications normally need to be completed by the end of the autumn term of 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 much earlier. I would urge any Year 7 parents considering such an option who have not yet put in an application to make an appointment to see me as soon as possible.

For those of you considering 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 be very useful as you consider possible options for the future and I look forward to seeing as many as possible of you there.

Yours sincerely

Nicholas Bevington