

7<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Year 6 Virtual Open Evening – Ash Hill Academy, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020, 5:30pm**

I would like to extend a warm invite to our Virtual Open Evening for Year 6 Students that will take place on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020**, starting at **5:30pm**.

Due to the unusual circumstances in which we find ourselves, we are unable to offer our usual evening activities whereby parents/carers and prospective students can visit to experience first-hand all of the exciting opportunities that Ash Hill Academy has to offer. We are extremely proud of the achievements of our academy, students and community and would have welcomed the opportunity to share this with you in person. In particular our most recent exciting news is that Ash Hill Academy achieved a 'Good' Ofsted grading following our inspection in March 2020, just prior to the school closures. This achievement reflected the hard work and dedication of our staff, our students and our supportive families in our local community, and we are extremely proud of this achievement.

We have also received a number of awards and charter marks throughout our journey which highlight the ethos and dedication of our academy, including the prestigious Inclusion Quality Mark, Centre of Excellence Status. We have also achieved the Leading Parent Partnership Award, Quality in Careers Standard, Investors in People Award and the Eco Schools Award.

Whilst we cannot meet in person, we still welcome you to join our Virtual Open Evening which will include a meeting with the academy's new Principal, Mr G Moffatt, introductions from key staff and other virtual presentations. This will complement the work that is currently taking place in primary schools with Year 6 students, myself as Vice Principal and Transition Lead and Mrs M Wilkinson, our Year 7 Learning Manager.

To join the meeting, you need to have access to Microsoft Teams. This is available to download on smart phones, tablets and laptops with no cost incurred; you will then need to create an account. The link for the meeting is available on a news item on the Ash Hill Academy web page, titled *Y6 VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2020 5.30PM*. You will need to click on the link which will take you to the meeting directly, where you will be admitted. We respectfully request that when joining the meeting, you ensure that both your camera and microphone are turned off. If you are new to using Microsoft Teams, it may be beneficial for you to have a 'trial' meeting with family or friends to ensure you are familiar with how to use this, prior to the open evening event.

We hope that you will find the event both informative and enjoyable and look forward to meeting you in the near future.

Yours faithfully,



Miss L Sims  
Vice Principal

