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Dear Parent/carer,

We are delighted that you and your child are considering joining The Forest Academy in September 2021.

We are a small and caring school and we are completely committed to supporting our students through their secondary education. We have really high aspirations for all of our students and do everything that we can to help them achieve great qualifications and experiences to support progression to the next phase of their education.

We want our students to be:

- Successful learners who enjoy learning, make progress and achieve their full potential.
- Confident individuals who are able to lead safe, healthy and fulfilling lives
- Responsible citizens who make a positive contribution to society

We have a great, well-rounded curriculum where students study a broad range of subjects across years 7-9 before specialising in year 10 and 11.

Our extra-curricular provision is substantial and wide-ranging, and we have a high-quality personal development programme which students study throughout their time with us.

We are part of Beacon Multi Academy Trust, which includes Beal High School and Beacon Business Innovation Hub, as well as our outstanding teacher training provision (NELTA) that trains the teachers of the future. We work together, sharing good practice, resources and expertise. We have a joint 6th form with Beal High School, and students at The Forest Academy are guaranteed progression to Beal 6th form.

We recognise that primary transition is a significant experience for students and parents alike, and with the national restrictions at the moment, it is made more challenging.

I know many parents were able to attend our open events (either in-person or online) last year, but many were not.

- To find out more about the school, please visit <https://www.theforestacademy.org/>
- To see our online open evening for 6th form, where you learn more about our curriculum and provision, please follow this link: <https://www.theforestacademy.org/sixth-form-virtual-open-evening-2021/>
- To see around our school site: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kMQWesfzIXM>
- To learn about our curriculum, click on the 'year groups' tab at the top of the website.

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At the moment, we are unable to run formal 'open mornings', however, if restrictions allow we will restart them. If you have further questions or would like to book a call with a member of senior staff, please contact admin@theforestacademy.co.uk and we will get back to you.

Our excellent transition programme, with a Y7 only playground, a carefully planned pastoral programme and induction will ensure your child makes a successful start to your child's secondary education. We work really closely with all of our feeder primary schools to ensure that students study a coherent curriculum which builds on their knowledge and skills from year 6 and that they are well known and supported from the day they start at The Forest Academy.

The response to the most recent national lockdown has demonstrated again what a hard-working, kind and committed school community TFA is, and we look forward to welcoming you and your child to the school.

Kind regards,

Mr Mackintosh
Principal