



6th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Open Evening Arrangements for Goffs and Goffs-Churchgate - 2022 Admission

I'm pleased to say that all new Year 7 students are settling in well at Goffs and Goffs-Churchgate. It has been a pleasure to welcome them, and to see their optimism and resilience as they settle into their new schools, notwithstanding all of the Covid related disruption that they have experienced. I know that many parents will now be looking ahead to their child joining the Trust and one of its schools in September 2022, and want to update you on our open evening plans for later this month.

After much reflection and scrutiny of the national picture regarding Covid, we have reluctantly concluded that we cannot run our usual open evening events this year. Instead, we will do as we did last year and place key presentations and information on each school's website on the day that each school was scheduled to have its open evening, plus we will offer some after school tours, and virtual and in-person parent surgeries. You will find further details below.

This has been a difficult decision to make; we are very proud of both schools and all that they achieve and deliver for the children in their care. However, your safety, that of your children, and of students and staff has to come first. Demand for places at each school is such that each sees over 1,000 visitors on the night of their open evening. Corridors and classrooms are inevitably crowded, and speeches are filled to capacity. It is impossible for us to confidently offer you a safe open evening experience in the usual way, given the numbers that will go through each school. We are particularly conscious that whilst the majority of adults may well be vaccinated, the vast majority of children will not be. Placing them, yourselves, and staff at potential risk of contracting Covid during an ongoing pandemic is not a risk that we feel to be appropriate. Many of you already have children, nieces, nephews, and grandchildren at one of our schools and will, I know, want them to be as safe as possible.

Last year's virtual open evening events where everything was available on each school's website worked well. So, this year we will repeat that, plus add the opportunity for very small groups to visit for a tour after school, when the vast majority of students in particular have left. We will also offer you the opportunity to have virtual and in-person surgeries where you can have your queries answered.

Over the next week, each school will create a dedicated Open Evening 2021 area on their website. This will be clearly signposted from the Home page, so that you can easily find it.



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Goffs - 16th September 2021

For those of you seeking admission to Goffs, open evening this year will include:

Open Evening Documentation

This will be available for you to view from Friday 10th September 2021. You will find it on the Open Evening page of the school's website:

- Prospectus/Additional Information Booklet and Admissions Policy
- Supplementary Information Form

Online Open Evening - 16th September 2021

- Videos on the website from 4.00pm on 16th September 2021
- Virtual Q&A with the Principal - 5.00pm. Details of how to access this session are available on the Open Evening section of our website

All Admissions queries can be emailed to admissions@goffs.herts.sch.uk

In order to book on tours and/or surgeries, please call the school directly on 01992 424200. Alternatively, parents can email admin@goffs.herts.sch.uk Requests will be dealt with in order of arrival.

Tours

- Senior staff will run after school tours from 4.00pm to 6.00pm from **20th to 24th September**

Admissions and SEN Surgeries

- Dedicated email address for queries (admissions@goffs.herts.sch.uk), as above, including 'call back'
- In-person Admissions Surgery in school on **22nd September**, 4.00 to 6.00pm. Please call 01992 424200 or email admin@goffs.herts.sch.uk to book a time slot.

Parents wishing to enter their child for the Language Aptitude Test, are required to complete and submit the application form no later than 24th September 2021. The application form is available on the school website. The test will take place on Saturday 9th October 2021.

Goffs-Churchgate - 23rd September 2021

For those of you seeking admission to Goffs-Churchgate, open evening this year will include:

Open Evening Documentation

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- Prospectus/Additional Information Booklet and Admissions Policy



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- Supplementary Information Form

Online Open Evening - 23rd September 2021

- Videos on the website from 3.30pm on 23rd September 2021

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Tours

- **Friday 24th September** at 1.00pm, 2.00pm and 3.00pm (this is an INSET day, with no students in school).
- **Monday 27th September** - tours at 3:30pm and 4:15pm
- **Tuesday 28th September** - tours at 3:30pm and 4:15pm.
- **Wednesday 29th September** - tours at 3:30pm and 4:15pm
- **Friday 1st October** - tours at 3:30pm and 4:15pm

Virtual Q&A session with the Principal

- **Friday 24th September** at 4.00pm
- **Tuesday 28th September** - at 5.00pm

Virtual Admissions Surgeries

An opportunity to ask any admissions queries not covered during through the information on the website:

- **Monday 27th September** - at 5.00pm
- **Wednesday 29th September** at 5.00pm
- **Tuesday 5th October** - at 5.00pm

Virtual SEND Forums (an opportunity to speak with our SENCO at the school)

- **Monday 27th September** at 4.00pm
- **Wednesday 29th September** at 4.00pm

Links to join all virtual sessions will be published on the Open Evening section of the website.

Very importantly, please remember that if you wish to make an application to either or both schools, you must complete and return the supplementary information form by **31st October 2021**. This is on the website, on the Open Evening page, for you.

I know that you will share our disappointment at not being able to attend a standard Open Evening. Equally, I know that you will understand and welcome our priority being ensuring that everyone is kept as safe as they can be whilst making their choice about which secondary school is best for their child. We will



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do all that we can to support you in that decision, virtually, in-person, by email and on the telephone. We are very proud of our schools, and look forward to showing them to you, albeit in a slightly different way again this year.

Yours faithfully

Alison Garner
Executive Principal



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