

Tonbridge Grammar School

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16th September 2019

Dear Neighbour

I write to you as is customary at the start of the new school year, to share the School Calendar, but firstly I want to thank you for your patience and understanding over the summer holiday period during our gas pipeline works. These were designed to secure long term cleaner energy benefits for all but I do appreciate that the work was disruptive for a time.

The Residents Calendar specifically includes those school events that generate visitors (parents and prospective parents) to the School, and our regular lettings. Further to this the School will update the Neighbours Portal, at the end of every term, indicating any additional events or calendar changes.

We will continue to offer on-site parking for TGS parents for out of hours school events wherever it is possible to do so. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer this arrangement for open events as we are not able to communicate directly with each prospective parent who decides to visit the School at this time.

We expect the busiest events of the year to be our open events. Our 16+ Open Evening is on 2nd October, with our Year 6 Open Evening taking place on 10th October. Open Mornings will be on 8th October and 10th October. Once again this year we will arrange a park and ride system for visitors to encourage prospective parents to park in the centre of Tonbridge with a minibus shuttle service to the School. This arrangement proved popular previously and assisted in reducing the number of cars attempting to access parking in the vicinity of the School. Prospective visitors will be informed of this via primary schools, on our website and in letters sent from the School.

As in previous years we propose to implement an informal one-way system for the Year 6 Open Evening as this has proved helpful to traffic flow along Deakin Leas and surrounding roads. You will appreciate we cannot enforce the one-way system so rely on the support of residents and visitors to the School. Our proposal is for motorists wishing to access Deakin Leas to do so from Pembury Road and those wishing to leave Deakin Leas do so via Baltic Road. We will deploy staff to advise drivers at the crossroads of Baltic Road, The Drive and Hilltop and the junction of Deakin Leas and Baltic Road. Last year we put in an additional system for the crunch point of traffic congestion when our own students were leaving the School. You will appreciate that when students leave school after dark parents need to collect them from the School site. We will continue to stagger the leaving times for students to try to alleviate congestion at this point.



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Our annual Prizegiving event is scheduled for 16th December in the early evening. Again we will provide minibus options for visitors.

I hope those of you who attended the residents' meetings last year found them helpful. I confirm that the residents' meetings scheduled for the forthcoming year are 12th December and 11th June 7pm to 8pm and I hope you will be able to join us.

You will see from our calendar that we have a number of events scheduled during the year including the PTA Winter Fayre and concerts, some of which, but not all, to be held at the School. If you would like to join us for any of these events we would be delighted to see you. Many of the concerts are ticketed as space is limited so please let the Office know if you would be interested in coming along (office@tgs.kent.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely

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