



WOLSINGHAM SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Wolsingham School Year 6 'Online Live' Open Evenings – Wednesday 23 September and Thursday 24 September

I would like to warmly invite you to the Wolsingham School Year 6 'Online Live' Open Evenings on Wednesday 23 September and Thursday 24 September from 4-7PM. Our school is a thriving and happy community, where pupils achieve very highly, are exceptionally well cared for and develop into thoughtful, well-rounded adults. We are just a short drive from western and central County Durham and offer free transport on all our bus routes for new Year 7 students.

Because of the coronavirus situation, we are holding our usual Open Evening event in school, but our guests will attend virtually through Google Meet. You will be able to tour the school, visit classrooms, talk to our staff and students about the excellent education we offer and stop in the Atrium to find out about our superb extra-curricular programme. However, you will now be able to do this all from home. Simply email us at b.gaughey100@wolsinghamschool.net with your name and the day you would like to attend our Open Evening. We will send you an email with information on how to use Google Meet to view the presentations and speak with our staff and students in real time.

During this Open Evening, you will find out why our students not only love learning, but are very successful. Our three-year GCSE results average includes a consistent pass rate of over 70% for English and Maths and progress scores clearly above national averages.

We also offer a fantastic range of extra-curricular activities and trips. At our Open Evening you can learn about the Lego Robots competitions enjoyed by our Science, Technology and Maths Club or talk with our Army Cadets about their week-long battle training at Catterick Garrison in July. Staff will tell you how we host educational visits and activities almost every week of the year, as close as Durham University or as far away as Russia or China. Our Head of P.E. can tell you about the huge range of sport and outdoor activities on offer, including netball, football, and the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

In our small school, every child is known and looked after. Our students are extremely well behaved and mature. Students join us from over 25 different primary schools. Yet thanks to our extensive programme of transition events and three full days of induction, they feel right at home from the first day of Year 7. In 2018, Ofsted confirmed our Good rating in very complimentary tones, saying, "Pupils are very happy at school and they wear their uniform with pride."

In addition to our Open Evenings, you can join us for a virtual Head Teacher Coffee Morning on 30 September, 1 October or 2 October at 11AM. If you would like to meet with myself and our Transition Coordinator, Ms Gaughey, in-person, you can also contact us to arrange a socially distanced tour at any time. To book a place for these events, simply email b.gaughey100@wolsinghamschool.net.

We look forward to meeting you and your child.

Kind regards,

Jonathan Ferstenberg
Head Teacher





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