

THE URSULINE ACADEMY ILFORD

A Catholic Academy for Girls aged 11 – 19 in the Diocese of Brentwood

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Dear Parents / Carers

NEW INTAKE - SEPTEMBER 2020

I am sure that you are feeling quite anxious about the disruption that the current situation is causing to arrangements for your daughter to join Ursuline next term. I would like to reassure you that, whilst these circumstances are far from normal, we are doing everything we can to ensure that you have the information that you need and that you have some contact, albeit 'virtual' with the school prior to transition.

Your daughter would normally be attending the school for a day on the 2nd July when she would have had the opportunity to meet staff, Year 7 pupils and find her way around the school. We are extremely sad that this will not be possible this year and so we will be posting on our school website a link to our transition materials and a video presentation which, although not quite the same, will give some experience of life at Ursuline and what your daughter can look forward to. This will be made available, week commencing 29th June.

Furthermore, work is in hand to address the fact that you will not be attending the Parent Information Evening on 1st July. This is also a great pity as we were greatly looking forward to meeting you. Please see attached FAQ's which we are usually asked at this meeting, any further queries can be emailed to Head of year 7, Ms Wood at cwood@uai.org.uk. You will also shortly receive a pack of materials that you would have been given at the meeting. In the pack, you will find important forms that need to be completed and returned when your daughter starts the autumn term, vital information regarding uniform, payment for school lunches, school policies, an information booklet detailing school routines and details of your daughter's form and Form Tutor.

Guidance from the government remains unclear regarding the return to school in September and so some arrangements are, obviously, subject to change but we will, of course, keep you updated as information becomes available. Meanwhile school uniform is available from Lucilla's in Cranbrook Road (details in your pack) I can only reassure you that we will take all steps necessary to make things as straightforward as possible for you and your daughter in these difficult times.

I am well aware of what an unsettling time this is for you all. Please be assured that everyone is very excited to be welcoming our new Year 7 girls to the 'Ursuline Family' as well as looking forward to working in partnership with you to make sure that once at school, your daughter will have every opportunity to succeed, thrive, be happy and feel supported and loved.

With very best wishes to you all
God bless

Ms Reilly
Headteacher



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