

TLA / GPA

15th October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been an absolute delight to welcome so many prospective Year 6 students and parents to take a look around our school during one of our pre-booked tours. We have been overwhelmed with demand and we are trying our hardest to accommodate everyone on our waiting list.

The deadline for applying for a secondary school place is fast approaching, with the application process closing on **Sunday 31st October 2021**. To assist you with your decision-making, I would like to share my virtual presentation with you. This is a slightly slimmed down version of the presentation that I would ordinarily present to Year 6 pupils, and their parents/carers, during our traditional Open Morning. Since it has not been possible to proceed with such an event this year due to ongoing concerns regarding Covid-19 transmission, I trust that this will prove to be a suitable alternative. I am therefore pleased to advise that you can access my virtual presentation via the link below:

<https://youtu.be/wLSCyUanNm8>

In addition to this, and in case you haven't already had the opportunity to take a look, there is a virtual tour on our website. This enables you, and your child, to navigate your way around the school site, dive into classrooms and explore the corridors just by clicking on various areas and is a useful tool to familiarise yourselves with the layout of the school. We have also retained the introductory video that we created for the 2021 Year 7 intake. Whilst some of the details are slightly out of date, particularly with regard to the roles of certain members of staff, I do feel that it generally paints an accurate picture of our school and should therefore still be of use to current Year 6 pupils and their families. The virtual tour and introductory video can be accessed via the link below:

<https://www.alechunter.org/index.php/admissions/year-6-admissions>

Despite recent challenges, we remain fully focused on providing high quality learning which prepares our students for a successful future by achieving their academic potential, as encapsulated by our motto – "Living for Learning, Learning for Life". However, we also recognise the importance of offering a range of other experiences which enrich their understanding of the world, develop their talents and nurture outstanding relationships in a warm, caring environment.

Should you have any queries or concerns, our office staff will be happy to respond as you embark on the application process. You may already be aware that we were heavily oversubscribed for the 2021/22 intake and we therefore urge all parents to submit applications in good time to meet the 31st October deadline. Please also note that making a choice of only one school does not increase your chances of being allocated that school. All schools apply their admissions criteria and if you are not successful in gaining a place but have listed only one preference, you have no say over the school place that will then be allocated to your child. Most of the appeal hearings we attended for places at Alec Hunter last year involved applications that were both late and gave only Alec Hunter as a preference.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank those parents who have attended a tour of Alec Hunter and we hope to be working with you across the coming months to make your child's transition to Alec Hunter as smooth as possible.

Yours sincerely,



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