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Dear parent,

Twynham TGS Open Evening and tours

Following the huge success of last year I am delighted to be writing to you with details of our shared Twynham School and The Grange School (TGS) Open Evening and subsequent school-specific tours.

As you will know both Twynham School and TGS belong to the same local multi-academy trust, Twynham Learning, and we work closely as a family of 6 schools. However, in the summer of 2021 our two schools went a step further and formalised the approach that we had been taking together over the 18 months of the pandemic by 'federating' our staffing structures.

Whilst Twynham School and TGS remain legally two separate schools, with their distinct catchment areas, feeder schools and admissions policies, we work as one school behind the scenes. There is one leadership team in place, led by myself, and our teaching staff are employed to work across both schools giving all students access to the same vast range of opportunities.

Since September 2021 the federation has seen significant successes at both schools. At TGS we are now delighted to be able to offer exactly the same curriculum as has been available at Twynham School for many years and the impact of our work was recognised in December 2021 when Ofsted judged TGS to be a "good" school (in all areas) for the first time in over a decade.

For Twynham School there has been similar success over the last 12 months and students have benefitted from the federation with greater variety of subject choices at both GCSE and A-level. This culminated in an exceptional set of exam results at both GCSE and A-level in the summer with outcomes well above anything previously achieved by students at the school.

As a parent of a child in Year 6 we know that choosing the secondary school for your child can be a daunting process. In order to showcase what Twynham School and TGS can offer your child we would like to invite you to our Open Evening on Thursday 29th September from 5pm-7:30pm.

Last year's event was a huge success with over 700 people in attendance. Over the course of the evening you will have a chance to hear from myself, Mrs Hawkins (our new Head of School at TGS) and some of our students as well as to meet our amazing teaching staff and for your children to experience some of the awe and wonder that comes from studying a whole range of new and exciting subjects.

The evening will be hosted at the TGS campus and details are on our websites. All of our teaching staff will be on hand, either in classrooms to talk about their subjects or around the site to offer guidance and information (and hot chocolate!).

We know that parents also enjoy seeing the schools in action and we will be offering opportunities to join short tours of each of the schools in the weeks following the open evening. Details of both the Open Evening and the tours are available on the websites which can be found here (TGS) and here (Twynham School).





It is important that you register for both the Open Evening and tours separately so that we can manage numbers — please follow the instructions on each website as appropriate. The tours last for an hour and will be led by senior staff and prefects but we would encourage you to attend our Open Evening as well so that you can hear from both myself and our teachers.

We look forward to seeing you on the 29th!

Kind regards

Mr Jy Taylor

(Executive Headteacher)