

16 September 2021

Dear Year 6 Pupil and Family

**Re: Springfield School Open Evening – Wednesday 29 September 2021**

You are warmly invited to attend Springfield's Open Evening on Wednesday 29 September during which you will be able to look around the school campus and see our facilities.

There are a number of short films about the school which you can enjoy watching with your child available on the homepage of our website; we suggest that you watch these prior to your visit. We hope these will give you an insight into the extremely positive learning environment that we have at Springfield and encourage you to make Springfield your first choice. (Kindly note that the impressive refurbishment of our Science Block is now complete!)

<https://springfield.uk.net/index.php/admissions>

As you would expect, we will be putting in place a number of measures to ensure the safety of our staff, students and visitors during Open Evening and reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. This is in keeping with public health advice to local schools and regrettably means there will be fewer opportunities to interact with staff and students than in previous years. We hope, however, that you will be able to take the opportunity to visit the campus and meet us.

<https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/schools/admissions/apply-to-move-to-secondary-school/>

In addition, we will be offering some virtual 'question and answer' sessions with senior staff at 4.30pm on Tuesday, 05 October (via Google Meet). The sessions will last for approximately 45 minutes and we are asking families to let us know their questions in advance so we can aim to respond as helpfully as we can to 'frequently asked questions'.

If you would like to attend the open evening and/or the virtual 'question and answer' sessions then **you will need to register using the link below no later than Wednesday 22 September**. You should then receive a confirmation email including the risk assessment. Kindly note that attendance at Open Evening is limited to three people (including children) per household.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/springfield-school-year-7-2022-entrants-open-evening-tour-tickets-173646600657>

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Springfield has high expectations of its students; we encourage every member of the school community to 'aim for excellence' in and enjoy all areas of school life. Our students consistently attain good GCSE results across the subject range. The school's provisional results for 2021 indicate a very good performance by the year group as a whole, and some truly impressive individual achievements. Notably, 54% of students achieved a strong pass (grade 5 or above) in *English and mathematics*; 75% achieved a standard pass (grade 4 or above) in both, which is the minimum entry requirement for the majority of A Level/Level 3 courses. 12% of students achieved the highest grades of 9/8 in Maths, and 13% of students achieved the highest grades of 9/8 in (an) English GCSE. (Grade 5 is approximately equivalent to the former grade B, and grade 4 to the former grade C.)

The coveted GCSE grade 9 is designed to be more difficult to achieve than the former A\* grade. This year, overall, 128 grade 9 GCSEs across the subjects were achieved by Springfield's students - an excellent achievement, beating previous year's records!

We have an engaging, broad and balanced curriculum, which promotes sport, science, the arts and languages. Our students' performance in the English Baccalaureate GCSEs is impressive, with Springfield consistently entering more pupils for the EBacc than the national average. In 2021, 61% of pupils were entered for EBacc.

We offer excellent care, support and guidance for our pupils, with expert Pastoral Managers and a qualified on-site nurse supporting the work of the teaching and leadership teams. In 2019 Ofsted wrote, 'Pupils are happy and safe at this school'.

In partnership with the Council, Springfield recently upgraded its facilities in order to expand its PAN (pupil admission number); consequently, we are now able to offer more places at this highly popular school to pupils in the Portsmouth and Hampshire communities.

Please visit the school's website to view Springfield's prospectus and to access further information about the school and its exciting curriculum offer: [www.springfield.uk.net](http://www.springfield.uk.net).

We look forward to meeting you in the future.

Yours sincerely

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