



Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to my 'Year 7 Admissions 2021' update and I hope you and your family are well during these challenging times. Everyone at Stafford Manor High School understands that selecting the right high school for your child is vitally important. In normal circumstances I would be inviting you to our annual Open Evening to come and meet staff and students and find out why more and more parents are making Stafford Manor High School their preferred choice. I can assure you that we have looked at every option to try and provide an opportunity for you to visit us in person, but unfortunately this is not going to be possible. I am sure you will appreciate that it is paramount that we do everything possible to keep everyone safe at school and minimise any risks to the community.

However, I am thrilled to still be able to show you what we have to offer and share our successes with you through alternative means. I do hope this will provide you with all the information you need to make the right choice for your child. I suggest the following five steps will allow you to discover why Stafford Manor High School is a very special community that your child could be part of this time next year.

1. **Visit our website.** This contains a wealth of information and gives you a clear indication of the values and ethos of our school. There is also a dedicated 'Year 7 Admissions 2021' page that contains useful information and videos about life at Stafford Manor High School. <https://www.staffordmanorhighschool.com/>
2. **Read our OFSTED report.** Ofsted inspected us in January 2018 so please take the time to read our report as it still provides an accurate picture of our amazing school. <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/>
3. **Speak to our current pupils and families.** Our greatest ambassadors are our pupils. If you have a relative, friend or neighbour who has a child at Stafford Manor High School, talk to them about their experiences. Please remember to keep your distance and follow all Government guidance when communicating with others!
4. **Watch our virtual open event.** We will be releasing a new video at the beginning of October that will provide a virtual experience of our school. There will be a message from myself and plenty of opportunities to hear from staff and students.
5. **Book a personalised consultation.** If you still feel you have questions that you would like to ask, then you can take advantage of our special offer and book a personalised consultation with a member of senior staff at school. This can be carried out over the phone or via Teams or Zoom. We have a variety of times available and you can book your appointment by contacting the main office on 01785 258383 or emailing [office@smhs.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@smhs.staffs.sch.uk)

Stafford Manor High School is a small school that puts the children at the heart of everything we do. As a small school, we are unique and as a result, you are assured that your child will be cared for and receive individual attention. Students are well known to all staff which not only allows us to cater for their personal needs, but also to recognise areas of strength and areas for development, allowing your child to flourish and achieve their full potential. As Headteacher, it is very important to me that I know every single child by name and ensure we are doing everything feasibly possible to make the children feel safe and happy. This personalised approach is embraced by every member of staff and it is what has led to our success over recent years.

Indeed, over the last three years we have seen the school achieve the best results in a generation. This track record of success has placed us as one of the most improved schools in the country. We are very proud of our award winning teachers who will be fully committed to your child and passionate about their education. Furthermore, we firmly believe that extending our curriculum beyond the classroom is a vital tool for enriching your child's education. We have implemented an ambitious project to ensure we provide wide-ranging opportunities to develop the character of every student. We are delighted that our students take part in national projects such as the PiXL Edge programme, and our industrial partners support our school through a variety of careers events. A full range of visits, which are enjoyed by staff and students alike, are extremely popular and in high demand every year. There are great opportunities at Stafford Manor High School, student experiences will be diverse both inside and outside the classroom and will be valued long into their academic careers and beyond.

This brief introduction provides a glimpse into life at Stafford Manor High School, and we know that when parents and children experience what we offer, many leave firmly believing that our approach makes us their first choice. Not only will we set aspirational targets for your child to meet each year, but we will also support them and allow them to grow as individuals. We will encourage them to set their own goals and to be proud of what they achieve. Throughout their time with us, we will celebrate their achievements and share them with you during presentation days, concerts and other events. As a result of the unique education we provide for each and every child, we have been oversubscribed in each of the last three years.

I hope you feel inspired to find out more about our fantastic school. We are proud of the learning environment we have created for our students whether it is the high quality Science Laboratories, modern dining facilities, fully serviced ICT rooms, and not to mention the state of the art Baseline Tennis Centre. Visitors to Stafford Manor High School always comment on the transformation the school has made in recent years and many have embraced our passion for providing every child with the personal approach so that they have the best possible start to their adult life. I very much look forward to meeting your child in the future and working together to fulfil their dreams and ambitions.

Further information about the school can be found on our website, but if you require any additional information then please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely



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