



SUMMERHILL SCHOOL

September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

ADMISSIONS FOR YEAR 7 IN SEPTEMBER 2021

Summerhill School is the first choice in secondary education for the communities of Kingswinford and Wall Heath and we will have 210 places available for new Year 7 students in September 2021. Parents/students residing in South Staffordshire and Wolverhampton are also eligible to apply for places with us.

During the 2019/20 Academic Year we welcomed over 1200 visitors to our Open Evening and Open Days, many of whom who were pursuing education for their children at Summerhill. The feedback from everyone, without exception was that the facilities were stunning and the students and staff were extremely professional, knowledgeable and inspired confidence about the high quality education we offer. Our latest prospectus is available to view at www.summerhill.dudley.sch.uk

In line with the Local Authority guidance and in the health and safety interests of our whole community, we cannot meet you in person this year and offer you a tour of our amazing school. **We can however invite you to join us for our LIVE NIGHT OPEN EVENING on Thursday 8 October 2020 at 7pm.** This will be broadcast via www.summerhill.dudley.sch.uk as well as on our Facebook Page and You Tube Channel. I hope the videos and messages on this evening will give you a feel of what a special place Summerhill is.

We are passionate about providing the best education for our young people and there are several reasons to consider us:

- We believe in valuing tradition and embracing innovation. Through nurture and hard work every child has the potential to succeed and go on to an amazing future.
- We have a series of non-negotiables with regard to attendance, behaviour and conduct where we expect the best at all times and have a clear view of what a 'Summerhill student' should be. Our partnership with parents is key to this. Our behaviour and conduct is excellent and our students are a joy to work with!
- Students experience a broad and rich curriculum. We focus on academic rigour, which ensures that students do as well as they can in all of their subjects. It means that students are challenged to think, perform, and grow to a level that they were not at previously.
- Teaching staff have excellent subject expertise, ambitious intentions for all students and employ a range of teaching and learning strategies to ensure sustained progress is made.
- Our 'Global Learning' programme ensures that SMSC, R.E. health, safety and British values are an integral part of our curriculum and explicitly taught. Our curriculum is intended to allow students to learn for life, equipping them with knowledge of the world, essential skills and a strong character.
- Our House system is central to school life. It provides nurturing, challenge, teamwork, and fun for all members of our school, building upon a foundation of supportive relationships, family and British values within a global society. We have the highest of expectations in all aspects of school life, which are underpinned by honesty, integrity and transparency in the way we do things. We have a smart, fun and colourful school uniform which helps our students to look smart, feel proud and celebrate their House allegiances. House competitions are strongly contested, with a lovely blend of respect, cooperation and friendly rivalry.

- Mature and mutually respectful relationships characterise our community and we strive for excellence in every way as we develop young people in partnership with parents and the wider community. We want our young people to leave education feeling confident not only in knowledge, but also in personal skills and qualities.
- Our building is amazing, with some of the best facilities available locally to provide exceptional resources for our students and the community. We are firmly dedicated to creating an inclusive environment where we can all feel safe, enjoy and achieve.
- We want Summerhill to be brilliant in all that it does, the first choice for local parents, the school where everyone wants to work and a place where students excel in all they do.
- Student Support Centre – which offers dedicated one to one care and support for those students who need it, including those with Special Educational Needs, vulnerabilities and disabilities.
- Rounded Individuals – we recognise that success is achieved through many factors and we are focussed on the ‘whole’ individual. It’s not just about academic achievement, but about support, encouragement and the skills to succeed in the 21st century and have happy and successful lives.

I believe that a true community school is both a ‘place’ and a set of partnerships between the school and other community resources. Its integrated focus on relationships, young people’s growth, family support, social action and community development leads to improved student learning, stronger families and healthier communities. By working together, we can ensure that all students enjoy their time at school, make excellent progress and leave us with the necessary skills and attitudes to lead successful and fulfilling lives.

Our ethos of ‘Success through Caring’ is so fundamentally important. I am determined that we live this out in all aspects of school life, in the way we treat each other, the way we interact, the way we make changes and how we provide the best in opportunities for all of our students.

At Summerhill, we will always be open, honest, approachable and have a true sense of teamwork at all levels. We want students to have fantastic opportunities in the school throughout their time with us. We have a brilliant staff team who constantly demonstrate their commitment to and investment in our school community. Summerhill is a school where we want to be brilliant in all that we do! We hope you want to be part of that journey!

You can find out more about the school online at www.summerhill.dudley.sch.uk or via our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/summerhillkingswinford

We hope you can join us for our LIVE NIGHT OPEN EVENING on Thursday 8 October 2020 at 7pm or alternatively email us: info@summerhill.dudley.sch.uk with ‘Enrolment Enquiry’ in the subject line.

Yours sincerely

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