



21st September

Dear Year 6 Pupil and Parents / Carers

Applications to Join Year 7 in September 2021

It has been wonderful to see children return to schools across Croydon over the last few weeks. I hope that you feel settled and that Year 6 is going well.

Although we are early in the term it is now the time to be making decisions about Year 7 and applications for secondary school. Clearly this process will be different this year, as it is not sensible for secondary schools to receive visitors at a time when everyone is working hard to keep each school safe and secure; the local authority is also advising against holding open events. However, we want to make sure you know about opportunities for secondary school within *The Collegiate Trust* and therefore I would like to provide you with a range of information here.

The Collegiate Trust runs two exciting and successful secondary schools in Croydon: *Riddlesdown Collegiate* and *The Quest Academy*. Each offers a wonderful experience for the full seven years of secondary learning, with standards in both amongst the very best in Croydon and indeed beyond. Our commitment to you is that every student joining us will receive an exceptional education. You can find out more about our schools as follows:

1. The Quest Academy

The digital prospectus is available [here](#) or at the following link:

<https://thequestacademy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Quest-prospectus-2020-21-for-web.pdf>

There is also a wealth of information about Quest on our website at www.thequestacademy.org.uk.

2. Riddlesdown Collegiate

The digital prospectus is available [here](#) or at the following link:

https://issuu.com/cleverbox/docs/20721_riddlesdown_prospectus_web?e=1607838/52739127

Please note that Riddlesdown Collegiate ***no longer operates an entrance examination***, and ***no longer has named feeder schools***. You can find the admissions criteria at: <https://riddlesdown.org/admissions/admission-into-year-7/>.

There is also a wealth of information about Riddlesdown on our website at www.riddlesdown.org.

Over the coming weeks we shall provide **additional information and opportunities as an alternative to open events**:

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- A. A **video** introducing you to key features of each school will be available on our websites in the week beginning *28th September*.
- B. You will be able to join a **webinar** for each school to hear from the Principal and students, as well as to ask any questions. The webinars will take place in the week beginning *5th October* and you will find details on how to join on these webinars on our websites by Friday *2nd October*.

Of course, you may decide to include **both of our schools** within your six choices for secondary school. Please remember that if you want your application to be considered you must include the name of the school on the *Common Application Form* administered by *Croydon Council* (or by the local authority in which you live).

The transfer to secondary school is an exciting but anxious time for families. I hope that the support we give through this time of social restriction will help you to make informed decisions about the next seven years of education.

Yours sincerely



Mr Gordon Smith
Chief Executive