



PERRYFIELDS
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Dear Parent/Carers

I hope this letter finds you and your families well.

We know what an important month March is for you all. You will have learned which secondary school your child will be going to in September and we know how significant it is that this placement feels right. The transition from primary school into secondary is potentially one of the biggest aspects of your child's life to date, which is why here at Perryfields, we pride ourselves on getting that transition right and as smooth as possible for all of our new students. If you have been given a place here at Perryfields or equally, if you are not confident that the secondary school that has been allocated to your child is the right one, and would like to learn more about our transition programme and our school, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Perryfields is located in Sandwell but borders closely with both Dudley and Birmingham borough, which is why every year our intake is a real 'mix' from each of those local authorities.

I have provided below some additional information about Perryfields, but if you would like to learn more or come and take a look around and meet some of our students and staff, we do have a small number of places still available for September 2022 admission, so please contact us via **0121 421 7979** or transition@perrys.org.uk.

We look forward to hearing from you, and wish your child ever success in their forthcoming SATs.

Kindest regards

Mrs Clare Harris
Head of School

A brief history of us

Perryfields is a 'Good' (Ofsted 2018), well established 11-16 comprehensive school. As Head of School, I am very proud of the Academy and the progress we continue to make towards becoming an outstanding provider of education. We are a fully inclusive community that welcomes children with all abilities. Perryfields is a vibrant and caring school that places the students at the centre of each decision we take.

In May 2021, we were delighted for Perryfields to become part of Broadleaf Partnership Trust. We continue to enjoy working collaboratively within a small network of academies, to provide opportunities for both our students and staff to thrive and excel, whilst maintaining our individual flair as an academy.

Whilst at Perryfields, our students are empowered to be aspirational, resilient and independent learners. Our broad and balanced curriculum helps to cultivate the individual, fostering a love of learning and the desire to achieve. It is designed to enhance the development of our students with both subject specific and transferable skills, preparing them for the future and wider-world. This is reflected in our consistently good exam results.

Underpinning our culture of ambition is a strong and supportive pastoral system. The promotion of positive mental health and wellbeing encourages our learners to unlock their potential, within a kind and friendly environment. We equip our students with the life skills they need to succeed both academically and socially, so they can be well-rounded members of the wider community.

We pride ourselves on working as a united team with our students, staff and families. Together, we strive to achieve excellence.

GCSE results 2019

Perryfields is a top performing secondary school, achieving improved levels of progress in the last set of formal examinations. Most students achieved half a grade higher than predicted across all subjects, seeing an increase in both Attainment and Progress 8 scores. These were most notable within the core subjects where over 85% of students in English achieved a grade 4 or higher.

These excellent results were testament to all of the determination and commitment the students put in to their studies, combined with the continued support from our dedicated and hardworking staff, parents, carers and governors. Despite the disruption caused by the pandemic in 2020 and 2021, we have confidence in our GCSE outcomes for this summer as we continue to support our Year 11s as much as possible.

Sandwell Well-Being Charter Mark

We are proud to have been awarded Sandwell's Wellbeing Charter Mark this academic year. Please see below some of the comments made by our community:

Parents felt 'having someone support with students' transition was beneficial in promoting a sense of belonging for their child. The four days of transition were important as they could get a real sense of the school.'

Parents also identified that they 'had seen evidence of students being treated as individuals at the school. Parents noted "every child is different and at Perryfields every child is treated as an individual."

Students identified they felt ‘a sense of belonging at Perryfields. Students identified they felt valued by their head of year.’

Students expressed they feel ‘respected when teachers listen to their views and they can express their opinions.’

Parents felt there were ‘wonderful pastoral members of staff at the school that listen to students and encourage them to speak about issues they are experiencing.’

Other students identified their heads of year as ‘great sources of support for them.’

Stop Press! Free school uniform!

For Year 6 students who are joining us in September 2022, we will be providing the school uniform and PE kit free of charge. The smart appearance of our students in school matters to us, and so to ensure we continue to raise the overall standards of uniform and to help families with the cost of their child’s transition to secondary education, we will be funding the full school uniform, including the PE kit, for all Year 7 students joining us in September and for the next few years to come. Further details of how this process will be administered will be sent to parents on confirmation of their child’s place at Perryfields Academy.

To see the amazing work that happens daily at Perryfields, and to see our school uniform and PE kit, please see our website, Twitter and Facebook pages.



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