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Dear Junior School Parents

THE NEW TRANSFER PROCESS FROM JUNIOR TO SENIOR SCHOOL 2012-2013

The Junior School reaffirms its commitment to achieving academic excellence within a strong character-building ethos which helps each individual to strive to reach his or her potential.

Claremont Fan Court School's entrance policy is in place to support those families who appreciate a whole school approach by ensuring a simple transfer between the different parts of the school. Following our latest ISI inspection, the leadership teams in both the Junior and Senior Schools have worked closely to improve the regular monitoring of pupil progress through rigorous teacher assessments. We have also listened to comments made in our recent parent survey which raised concerns about the transfer from Year 6 to the Senior School.

We have therefore decided to amend our entrance procedures, previously three tests in English, maths and non-verbal in January of Year 6, such that Year 6 children will no longer sit a test for entry to the Senior School if they reach expected and published academic and behavioural standards at Year 5. This reflects the process that many 3 to 18 schools follow. The systematic accumulation of assessment data, the building up of a thorough character reference together with an interview with Senior School teachers will enable the Senior School to make an accurate assessment for each child. The whole process of transfer will be as seamless as possible. Pupils will still be able to apply for scholarships into Year 7 by participating in the assessment process in the January of Year 6 before the September entry to Year 7. We will continue to support families in Years 3, 4 and 5 of the Junior School by identifying and targeting, early on, any areas of concern that need addressing to help children gain a Senior School place. Finally, we will advise families who may need to seek alternative senior education provision for their child.

A real advantage of an exam free Year 6 is that we will develop a more challenging curricula of maths, English, science and humanities that should broaden Year 6 pupils' experiences and stimulate the children's love of learning. By extending the syllabus in this way, we will enhance the pupils' learning experience.

The new transfer process from the Junior School to the Senior School is outlined on the accompanying sheet. If you have any questions or comments please discuss them with me, Mrs Sergeant, Deputy Head of Upper Juniors, Mr Insall-Reid, Head of the Senior School or Mr Hitchcock, Deputy Head of the Senior School.

I wish you and your child a continuing and rewarding association with Claremont Fan Court School.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D Ford".

David Ford
Head of the Junior School