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Dear Parent/Carer of Year 6 child,

Mary Webb School and Science College

Open Evening: Thursday 30th September, 6 – 8pm – book online (see link below)

**Open Mornings: Friday 1st, Monday 4th, Wednesday 6th, Friday 8th, Monday 11th,
Wednesday 13th, Friday 15th, Monday 18th, Wednesday 20th and Friday 22nd October, 9:15 -
10:00am – book by ringing school**

On behalf of students, staff and governors of Mary Webb School and Science College, I would like to invite you to our Open Evening or an Open Morning.

We are proud of our school and its deserved reputation as a fully comprehensive community school, which enables and proactively encourages all who are members of it to be successful. It is for this reason, just about every young person in the catchment area chooses to come to us. Indeed, a number of students from outside the catchment area make a decision to join us too. We look forward to meeting you and your child, guiding your family around our school and answering any questions you may have about our learning community, so you can all get a feel for life at Mary Webb School and Science College.

Our most recent Ofsted Inspection stated “arrangements for transition from the primary schools are outstanding. The school’s expertise in science is used to run specialist days in primary schools and this work has been recognised nationally. The school also provides a reading book for every student in Year 6 before they join the school. This provides an effective way of bridging between the schools and is highly valued by parents and students.” Whilst we are proud of this recognition for our support of students in Year 5 and 6 as they move towards their life at secondary school, we have improved and enhanced it over the years and will be able to share this with you on our Open Evening and Open Mornings.

We are acutely aware of the challenges many face in our local community as we emerge from the disruption to our normal lives, caused by the national pandemic over the past 18 months. It is a challenge for all secondary schools to be able to welcome children and their parents in as part of the primary to secondary transition process. At the time of writing to you, we are aware the local circumstances for some secondary schools mean the risk of coronavirus (COVID-19) transmission is too great, so they may be cancelling their Open Evenings and/or Open Mornings. Whilst we are currently in the position where it is possible for our events to run, we will need to evaluate the situation closer to the events. We will monitor the number of cases in our local primary schools and community carefully before making any decision, but trust all Year 6 children and their parents will understand if we do need to cancel.

We know how important it is for our prospective students and their parents/carers to visit, which is why we have not taken the decision to cancel our events at this moment in time.

However, we have made adjustments to our plans in order to minimise the risk posed by inviting Year 6 children and their parents to visit. This is why we are offering more Open Morning opportunities, limiting numbers for our Open Evening and introducing an online booking system for this year. These adjustments should help to spread the numbers of people visiting the school, meaning we can help ensure there are less guests attending each event. The booking system will enable us to contact you in the event we have to cancel our Open Evening and/or Open Mornings. When considering whether to attend either an Open Evening or Open Morning, we would ask you to carefully consider the most suitable option for your child.

Open Evening	Open Mornings
Book online – see link below Attend a welcome from our Headteacher Speak to some Y7 students and our Head Boy and Head Girl Visit subject areas on tours with our Prefects Talk to our staff and some students Meet our school SENCo and transition team	Ring school reception to book your place The Senior Leadership Team will offer tours of the school See the school ‘in action’ Speak to some Y7 students and our Head Boy and Head Girl

We understand some family circumstances require there to be some allowances or special considerations made when planning their visit to the school. The arrangements we have in place are designed to accommodate the majority visitors, but if you feel we need to make alternative plans to support your child’s visit, please contact us.

In order to consider other visitors, our students and staff, we ask you to:

- only have 1 parent/carer to attend with each child if possible
- take a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test before attending the Open Evening or Open Morning
- if you or any member of your household has coronavirus (COVID-19) or any of the symptoms, please arrange to visit the school at another time and explore our school website instead which has a wealth of transition information
- wear an appropriate face covering at all times and notify us in advance if you are exempt via the booking system
- use hand sanitiser that will be available around the school.

Please book your Open Evening place online; free tickets will go live from 7pm on 24th September:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mary-webb-school-and-science-college-year-6-open-evening-2021-tickets-178716655327>

To book on an Open Morning, please ring the school on 01743 792100.

Our students, staff and governors are really look forward to meeting you over the next few weeks.

Yours sincerely

Mr P J Lowe-Werrell
Headteacher