

Sent via email at Middle Schools

10th September 2024

Reference: Open Events for Admission to DSHS in September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

The whole pyramid is already turning some attention to next September because, as I'm sure you will know, the Local Authority deadline for families to log their preferences for school places for points of transfer (Year 7 to Year 8 in our case) is 31st October.

Open Evening

As a parent of a Year 7 student at one of our two biggest feeder schools, I would be delighted if you could join us for our Open Evening on Thursday 19th September between 6pm and 8pm.

You will be able to tour the whole school site to see each department in action, including our extra curricular offering. We have dozens of highly enthusiastic and well-trained guides ready to take you around or, if there are older siblings that know their way around, you are welcome to choose your own path and route (with a map if requested).

I will also give a presentation to parents about the school and what we value and how we support the young people in our local community. It will take place in the theatre at 6.30pm. Members of my Senior Leadership Team will also be available throughout the event, particularly our SEND team.

Parking is likely to be difficult but do feel free to use our front car park as well as the bus bay area. If it is convenient for you to walk this could be a sensible option. Please make sure you enter the site via the main school gate.

Open Mornings

If you aren't able to make the evening or would rather see the school working during the day we also have some dates for Open Mornings as follows:

Friday 20th, Monday 23rd, Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th of September with the following time slots for each:

9.15 – 9.45, 10.15 – 10.45, 11.30 – 12.00pm, 12.40 – 13.10.

Time slots for the Open Mornings are strictly by appointment only so we can ensure we have guides available. Please call reception on 01905 774421 to book an appointment. Parents are encouraged to bring their child (but please do inform their current school) but are welcome to come alone too. The guides for the slots will normally be Sixth Formers but if you want to speak to a member of staff about a specific issue (e.g. SEND) then please let reception know and we'll do our best to allocate a member of staff to your slot too.

In addition in the open events you might find the materials we have created for new starters this September of use when getting a sense of what the school is like and how transfer works. You can find them on our website here: <https://website.droitwichspahigh.worcs.sch.uk/index.php/school/join-us/year-7-into-8-transition/>

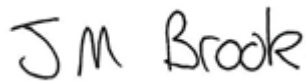
Spaces

We look forward to Open Evening being as busy as last year's.

We have supported the Local Authority (and the local community) by taking slightly more students for current Year 8 than our planned admission number (PAN), which is 305. The LA have told us they expect to make a similar request for next year. I cannot stress enough how important it is that parents make their school preferences to the LA by the deadline (31st October). All applications that arrive afterward are treated by us (and them) in a second batch and may result in us not being able to confirm places until a settlement has been reached between us and the LA or, if there are significantly more applications than there are places, some families being placed in neighbouring schools that are not first preference.

Please get in touch if you have any queries and I look forward to welcoming you when you visit us.

Yours sincerely,



Mr J M Brook
Headteacher