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To all Year 8 Parents/Carers at Holywell and Marston Vale Middle Schools

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

We very much hope that you enjoyed our Open Evening last Thursday and, through talking to our pupils and staff, learned more about the school.

Many of you told us that you really enjoyed your visits and I, along with other long-standing members of staff, enjoyed meeting parents/carers who were former Wootton Upper School pupils in years gone by along with their own children. You commented that you really liked the activities many different subject areas had put on for your children. You said that you sensed the values of the school and could see the school's motto "the pursuit of excellence" in many areas including the arts, science, sport, and of course, the school's great examination results.

We are very proud of our school and the fact that pupils make much better progress here than in other schools and we know that this is because of the really strong foundations the pupils get at Holywell and Marston Vale.

Some of you asked us how to apply for places and we referred you to the page near the back of the Open Evening programme (a copy of which is now on the school's website along with other information we issued to our visitors). The key points about admissions are:

- Applications are made through your Local Authority website, normally either Bedford Borough Council or Central Bedfordshire Council
- The deadline for applications is midnight on Thursday 31 October 2019
- If you do not apply by the deadline and the school is full, you will not get a place. If this happens you will have to sort out transport for your child
- Telephone the appropriate Local Authority, your child's middle school or Wootton Upper School if you have any difficulty in completing the application form.

I would encourage you to do the above as soon as possible as we know those applying late will be put at the end of the list for accessing school transport.

If you missed the Open Evening and want to visit during the school day, please contact Mrs Darlow, either by telephoning 01234 767123 or by emailing her at hdarlow@wootton.beds.sch.uk. My senior team will be available to show you the school in action.

The staff very much enjoyed meeting you at the Open Evening and look forward to working with you over the next five years. If you have any other questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of my team.

Yours sincerely



Mr. M. Gleeson
Principal