

Dear parents,

We are very much looking forward to the arrival of our incoming S1 pupils. We hope that they found their Induction day in the Senior School on 18th June useful. The transition to our Senior School is usually very easy and children - and parents - quickly feel at home. We hope that the *Senior School Pupils' Handbook 2009-2010* (an A4 booklet with a light blue cover this year), which was given to those on the Induction Day and will be sent again to all shortly, plus the other joining materials we issue, will give you the information you and your child need, but if you have any questions, please just ask us! If there is something of importance we could have included but didn't, please let my PA know that.

We are holding an **S1 Parents' Communication Evening** on Wednesday 16th September at 6.00 pm in the Prep School Hall for you and your child, which should last about an hour. This will give you a chance to meet your child's tutor and Head of House, hear a little from us about how to make the most of life in the Senior School and ask any questions you have. We hope you will be able to attend, but it is not essential that you do.

To give you a chance to talk without - we hope - excessive queues, Heads of House and tutors should be present from 5.40 pm, so those of you for whom it is convenient to talk earlier rather than later are welcome to arrive from 5.40 pm.

We are aware that some parents who chose The Academy many years ago may not have seen all the Senior School. That is most usefully done when children are here at the start of next term, so if you would like a **tour of the Senior School** in the company of a couple of sixthformers who should be able to answer any questions you have, please contact my PA from 17th August onwards, to let her know a preferred day next term and possible times, and she will organise things for you

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

Peter Brodie