

27th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 6 pupils,

Newbridge School Application Process 2021

You will be aware that applications to all secondary schools in Caerphilly close on 22^{nd} October 2021. The application process is dealt with by the local authority, but to support this the school is offering a virtual presentation and a series of online videos. These are to replace our usual 'Open Evening', which unfortunately we cannot run this year due to the ongoing risk assessment requirements around Covid.

• Headteacher Presentation with Question and Answers – Tuesday 5th October at 5.00pm

This session will be online, and is open to any parents and families who wish to see up-to-date information about the school and potentially ask questions. It is not mandatory, and may not be necessary for parents who already know about the school or have made their mind up to apply to Newbridge as first-choice. The link to the meeting will be published on the school website www.newbridgeschool.org.uk under the 'Transition' section.

Department videos including 'virtual tour of the school'

These are currently available on our website, under 'Transition', and updated 2021 versions will be available from 5th October.

Individual questions

These can be submitted to the school email address newca@caerphilly.gov.uk and all will receive a response. If the question is too complex or too personal for you to write down, we can arrange a callback telephone conversation.

Questions should be those which decide whether or not you will apply to our school. Please do not send 'transition' questions – eg. what uniform is required? – as these will be covered by our transition programme, which begins once pupils have been offered a place in our school. The transition programme includes visits from our staff (and pupils) to catchment primary schools, and all pupils visiting us during the summer term.

Please be aware that we cannot advise on the likelihood of any applications to our school being successful – all applications are managed by the local authority.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. A. Thompson Headteacher