



## Tudor Grange Academy Redditch

10th March 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Year 7 intake September 2017**

I wanted to write to you on the back of the recent press article as understandably this may cause some concern to our parents. The decision to not take Year 7 this year was based on us not being able to operate a viable curriculum for this group. This does not mean we will not be taking Year 7 next year as some comments on social media have suggested.

Our current Year 7 cohort will continue and have had a positive start to their secondary school career. From September 2017, as per the age range terms and conditions, we are able to admit students in Year 8 for those wishing to join us and will continue to admit in all other year groups.

This does not affect how we operate the rest of the school: strong leadership and care for students is excellent and outcomes remain strong when performance is compared to schools nationally and locally.

The Trust have supported the school in controlling costs and this will need to continue.

We understand some nervousness about the future of the school if numbers remain low. Some staff have taken secondments (temporary contracts with the intention of returning to the original school) to other schools in the Trust and, through Tudor Grange Teaching School, to schools outside of the Trust to enable us to manage costs whilst student numbers are low. This is a strategy we will continue to use.

Throughout the age range change the excellent staff have remained loyal to the community and the students. We do not perceive that there is a risk to the quality of education we can provide for the students currently in the school and we remain optimistic, on behalf of the parents and students who have invested their faith in the school, that we can recruit sufficiently in the longer term.

The staff at Tudor Grange are committed to all our students and will ensure that they receive the very best provision. We are looking forward to taking on our new Year 9 intake and we continue to take weekly admissions across the academy in all year groups.

I thank you for your continue support and please do contact me if you have any concerns.

Kindest regards

Mrs Jodie Bolter  
Principal Tudor Grange Academy Redditch

