



21<sup>st</sup> September

Dear Parents and Carers

### Applications to Join Year 7 in September 2021

Although you may not have a child in Year 6 at the moment, I am hoping to enlist your support in spreading the message to friends, neighbours or relatives who may now be involved in the process of looking at secondary schools for their child. Clearly this process of getting to know schools will be different this year, as it is not sensible for secondary schools to receive visitors at a time when everyone is working hard to keep each school safe and secure; the local authority is also advising against holding open events. However, we want to make sure we provide effective alternative ways of making sure that prospective parents and young people are able to consider Riddlesdown for the next seven years of education. Therefore, I would appreciate it if you could share this letter with anyone of your acquaintances for whom you think it might be relevant.

*Riddlesdown Collegiate* is one of two secondary schools in *The Collegiate Trust* and offers a wonderful experience for the full seven years of secondary learning, with standards amongst the very best in Croydon and indeed beyond. Our commitment to you is that every student joining us will receive an exceptional education. Prospective students and parents can find out more as follows:

The digital prospectus is available [here](#) or at the following link:

[https://issuu.com/cleverbox/docs/20721\\_riddlesdown\\_prospectus\\_web?e=1607838/52739127](https://issuu.com/cleverbox/docs/20721_riddlesdown_prospectus_web?e=1607838/52739127)

Please note that Riddlesdown Collegiate **no longer operates an entrance examination**, and **no longer has named feeder schools**. You can find the admissions criteria at: <https://riddlesdown.org/admissions/admission-into-year-7/>.

There is also a wealth of information about Riddlesdown on our website at [www.riddlesdown.org](http://www.riddlesdown.org).

Over the coming weeks we shall provide **additional information and opportunities as an alternative to open events**:

- A. A **video** outlining key features of Riddlesdown will be available on our website in the week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> September.
- B. Prospective parents and students will be able to join a **webinar** for Riddlesdown to hear from the Principal and students, as well as to ask any questions. The webinars will take place in the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> October with full details published on our website by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

The transfer to secondary school is an exciting but anxious time for families. I hope that the support we give through this time of social restriction will help everyone to make informed decisions about the next seven years of education.

Yours sincerely

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