



Dear Parents / Carers

I am delighted that you have taken the decision to accept a place for your child at Langtree School starting in September 2021. I would like to take this opportunity to offer you a very warm welcome as a member of our school community. Langtree School's GCSE outcomes are consistently in the top 10% of schools nationally and we are very proud of the various achievements of all our students. We look forward to an exciting future with tremendous optimism and I am very pleased that your child will be part of it.

I am only disappointed that the open evening and other events had to be conducted virtually and, now we have ongoing restrictions, that our induction activities might also be affected. However and whenever we are able to finally meet I can promise you that parents and students can be assured of a warm welcome, excellent teaching and the individual pastoral care that Langtree is proud to be known for.

If you decide, for any reason, that you do not wish to take up your place at Langtree please do let us and OCC know as soon as possible. As usual we are hugely oversubscribed and have a very long waiting list of students who would dearly love to join us in September. The earlier we can let them know a place has become available the less of an anxious wait these families will have.

By now you will have downloaded your information pack which should provide you with all you need to know at this very important time of transfer from primary to secondary school. However, if there is anything else you require from us please do not hesitate to contact Ms Debbie Hayward, our Admissions Officer, at Langtree School on 01491 683364 email: [dhayward@langtreeschool.com](mailto:dhayward@langtreeschool.com)

In addition, we would encourage you to use the school website on a regular basis. All the admissions information, as well as the weekly bulletin, letters and newsletters, are posted electronically on the website:

[www.langtreeschool.com](http://www.langtreeschool.com) Our aim is to communicate with parents electronically where possible, so it is extremely important that your email contact information is kept up to date. We pride ourselves in our efforts to communicate as frequently and effectively as we can with parents. You can also follow us on twitter @head4094.

Parents and Carers often ask how they can help at Langtree School, we regularly make requests for parental / carer support for events such as "make a difference days", help with school productions, careers information sessions happening in school. These requests are generally made through the weekly bulletin. The other way that parents / carers can help is by supporting the fundraising of the PTA or by making a regular donation to the school through the "Friends of Langtree School" scheme. Funding to schools continues to be extremely tight and, as a small school, Langtree faces significant financial challenges in the future. We are therefore following the precedent set by other local schools by inviting our supportive parental community to consider making an annual voluntary parental contribution to the school. For example a donation of only £5 per term. However, it would be up to parents and carers themselves how much they chose to donate. All donations, whether a one off payment of a monthly contribution, can be Gift Aided, which means that the government will add an additional 25% of the value of the donation to the school in tax relief. Please indicate if you would like to Gift Aid your donation when you make your payment on line. Donations can be made via the "SCO PAY" link on the front page of the school website, select the school donation option, or by completing a standing order mandate which should be returned to the school. Further details and the forms can be found on the school website: <https://www.langtreeschool.com/friends-of-langtree/>

May I say again how pleased I am that you will be joining the Langtree School community. I speak on behalf of all our staff when I say that we look forward to working with you very closely during your child's career at Langtree and I am very confident that this will be a very happy and successful experience.

I hope your son/daughter enjoys the last few months of their primary school and look forward to getting to know them when they officially join the Langtree family in September.

Yours sincerely

Mr Simon Bamford, Headteacher.