

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## Secondary Transfer and CAT information

Dear Parents and Carers,

Transferring to secondary school can be daunting and stressful but the process starts now, and you should act quickly to have the time you need to make the most informed choices. At St John the Baptist, we are here to help and make the process as easy and enjoyable as possible.

Initially, we would like to invite you for a drop in session.

When: **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

Time: **10:00am – 12:00pm**

Please remember to register your interest following this link:

<https://forms.gle/d3GUMnFhdpy8BLzJA>

Additionally, The Hackney Learning Trust admissions team will be hosting online information sessions about the secondary transfer process. You will be able to access these live briefings using a smartphone, tablet, laptop or desktop computer with internet access. A briefing will also be recorded so it is available to watch at any time in the future. These will take about 1 hour and are repeated on different days and at different times.

Date: **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

Times: **9:45am - 11:15am and 3:45pm - 5:15pm**

Please visit <https://education.hackney.gov.uk/content/secondary-transfer-briefings> to get link

Hackney Learning Trust have also published a programme of secondary open events, which can be accessed at: [education.hackney.gov.uk/openevents](https://education.hackney.gov.uk/openevents). We would strongly encourage you to research schools carefully and attend open events before applying. Please visit the school websites for up to date information about open events. We have also emailed it to you.

Another aspect of the secondary transfer process is the requirement by the children to complete a Banding Test / Cognitive Ability Test (CAT). Most Hackney secondary schools use a process of banding to ensure they admit a wide range of children of different abilities. Every child sits a Cognitive Ability Test and the results are used to group applications into different ability bands. These will take place at school over the forthcoming weeks. It is important to note that these are not something that the children can prepare or practise for, and more importantly, they cannot fail them.

If you require any additional support or guidance about the secondary transfer process or the banding tests, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Many thanks,



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