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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for considering Overton Grange as a possible school for your child. We know that choosing the right secondary school is one of the most important decisions you will make with and on behalf of your son or daughter. We hope that this prospectus and our website, along with the people you meet and the excellent facilities that you will see when you visit the school will convince you that we are the best school for you.

It is a privilege for us to be given the responsibility of caring for and educating young people through this very important stage of their lives as they move from childhood to adulthood. It is a responsibility we take extremely seriously. We have a long track record since 1997 of successfully providing our students with the qualifications, life skills, positive attitudes, aspirations and self-confidence needed to begin successful, healthy and rewarding adult lives when they leave school. However, we are not complacent and as a school we are committed to continuous improvement for ourselves and our students. Consequently, in September 2017 we became a partner school with the University of Brighton Academies Trust. This partnership enables us to develop as a school to meet the ever changing demands of today's society.

The key to promoting success for each student is a close working partnership between Parents/Carers and the student and school. A key role is played by the form tutor who sees them twice a day and gets to know them very well. The tutor is the link between home and school and two-way communication is essential to ensuring that we give appropriate support and encouragement to our youngsters. The tutor is supported by the Head and Assistant Head of Year, subject teachers and more specialised pastoral staff when needed. Apart from formal reporting points (such as grade reports and parents evenings) we encourage parents and carers to contact the school at any point in the year if they have the slightest concern about the welfare, happiness or progress of their son or daughter.

We would like to draw your attention to the Ethos statement inside the prospectus. These are not idle, soothing words. Our vision for the school is that we continue to act out these commitments in our day to day dealings with our students, in the classroom and in the wide range of 'extra-curricular' events and opportunities we provide. Qualifications are extremely important but they are by no means all that we aspire to for our student community. We want to develop the wider individual interests, aptitudes and potential of each young person and give them the very best possible start in life.

We hope very much that having studied all the evidence you will decide that Overton Grange School is the right school for you and you will be able to join us in September 2019.

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