

Message from Mr A M Chappell, Lancing College

Dear All,

I hope that the term is going well and that your children are enjoying one another's company as much as the youngsters here up at Lancing. It has been great to see life and learning returning to schools, even if it brings with it all sorts of new complexities.

I write to let you know about our plans for the assessment of those students at your school who have registered interest in a place at Lancing for Y9 2022. We have experienced unprecedented demand for places in recent months and 2022 places are beginning to fill up. For this reason, we hope to complete our CAT4 testing of the remaining registered children during the week commencing **23 November 2020** and then conduct interviews during the following week, commencing **30 November 2020**. By bringing things forward a little in this way compared to last year, we hope to give a clear and earlier steer to families about whether we will be able to offer them places.

Please note that after this cycle of admissions, it is likely that we will formally close applications for 2022 Y9 day places. There is usually a little more leeway with boarding, but this too is filling quickly. If you have any parents in Y7 who are yet to register for Lancing, they would need to do so urgently to be able to be considered for this cycle. In case you get questions about this, we do intend to reserve a very small number of places for Y8 entry, but entry will inevitably be more competitive at that stage.

Where a child has sat a recent CAT test (in the last 6 months), we would not need them to re-test and their existing scores can be entered instead. However, we would need all those applying to complete our 45 minute written assessment. I will pass on my thanks in anticipation of your help with this at such a busy point in the year.

One of my colleagues in Admissions will write to all your families who are registered with us to explain in outline this process, and will then be in touch with you with details of who is registered with Lancing, so to identify those children who need to be tested and interviewed.

If you foresee difficulties with any of this or have any questions, please do get in touch with us at admissions@lancing.org.uk

With thanks,

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