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Dear Year 6 parents,

I'd like to welcome you all to Year 6, a time of great learning and preparation for the future. I would like to explain some of the important events that will take place this year and hope to demystify some of the processes that lie ahead.

Secondary School Applications:

Secondary school applications are done online and there is a wealth of information that can be accessed through this link: [Before you apply | Hackney Education](#)

On this site you will find a detailed guide produced by Hackney Education that can be found here: [APPLY FOR A SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE 2022](#)

Make sure that you have submitted your application well before the deadline:

- Our school deadline is **22nd October 2021** so we can ensure there are no issues ahead of the final submission deadline.
- Any final changes can be made before the **31st October 2021** but anything after this will be a late application and will be processed after all the others.

Top tips:

1. Start to fill in the online application form and submit any time as this can be changed as many times as you like before the deadline.
2. When you submit your application you will receive an application reference number by email so you will know it has gone through.
3. When you go back in to make any changes, you go through each page and press submit. Each version you update will replace the previous one and you will receive a new confirmation each time.
4. Research the admissions criteria on each school's website to see how likely you will be to get a place.
5. Attend school open events, see this calendar for details: [Open Events in 2021](#)
6. Get an estimated distance of your local schools to check your likelihood of getting a place: <https://www.get-information-schools.service.gov.uk/>

We will be running a workshop for parents at 3:45pm about the process on Tuesday 28th September 2021 so please come along if you require any further information about this. We will be happy to help you complete the online application.

You can contact Hackney Education using this email address or phone number:
secondary.transfer@hackney.gov.uk or 0208 820 7000

We are very keen to support you with this process so please get in touch if you have any questions or concerns by emailing:
gboffice@newwavefederation.co.uk

CATs Tests

The CATs tests are carried out every year and are a way that Hackney secondary schools ensure that they take children from across the full range of abilities. According to their results, the pupils will be put into four equal bands: A-D. The schools then aim to take an equal number from each band.

Details:

- Your pupils will be completing their CATs tests during October, before the half term break.
- The results of the tests are used by Hackney secondary schools to band pupils so that they take pupils across the full range of bands.
- There is no need to prepare for these tests - it is not an entrance test.
- Waiting lists are maintained for each band group.
- GL assessment provide the assessments through a platform called Testwise.
- The tests will be completed by the pupils using their school ipads at set times of day under test conditions.

Please get in touch with the school if you have any questions.

Best wishes,



Rory McGrath
Headteacher

