



VIKING ACADEMY TRUST

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Dear Year 5 Parents,

CHRIST'S INDEPENDENT SCHOOL: Parent Information Meeting 17th June

As your child is currently in Year 5 in one of our Viking schools, I am writing to you to share information regarding a secondary school with a difference...

The schools in Viking Academy Trust have developed a link with Christ's Hospital, a co-educational boarding school for 900 pupils aged 11-18 situated near Horsham in West Sussex. Sometimes known as 'The Bluecoat School' - because of the very distinctive school uniform - Christ's Hospital is one of the leading independent schools in the country. It provides a first class academic education to talented pupils from all over the country and offers unparalleled

Christ's Hospital Buildings



facilities for activities outside the classroom such as Sport, Art, Music and Drama. This is all set in stunning countryside half way between London and Brighton.

What makes Christ's Hospital very different to other independent schools is the fact that it offers many more bursary places than other private schools. The school was founded in 1552 with the aim of providing education and nourishment for destitute children in

the City of London. Today it remains committed to those charitable aims; educating the financially, socially and otherwise needy for free or at a substantially reduced rate. 14% of pupils pay no fees at all and 35% of pupils pay no more than 10%.

Christ's Hospital is now looking to recruit more pupils who would benefit from assisted places, from the coastal areas of Kent: hence the desire to forge links with the Viking Academy Trust. There are tests for entry to the school. These are similar in standard to the selection tests for entry to Kent Grammar School. It is also important to point out that bursary places are offered on a means- tested basis; they are awarded to pupils where there is evidence of financial or social need.



Chilton Primary School
Mrs Kate Law ~ Head of School
www.chiltonprimaryschool.co.uk



Ramsgate Arts Primary School
Mr Nicholas Budge ~ Head of School
www.ramsgateartsprimary.co.uk



Upton Junior School
Miss Darci Arthur
~ Head of School
www.uptonjunior.com

This is our second year working in partnership with Christ's. Six Viking families took the brave, bold step to be part of this exciting adventure this year, with five of our current Year 6 pupils successful in gaining scholarships to attend Christ's Hospital in September.

With this academic year rapidly drawing to a close, your attention is more keenly focused upon secondary school choices and the Kent Test. Your child's Headteacher will be sharing information with you regarding the transition to secondary school and the choices available to you. **Our link with Christ's Hospital Independent School is another option for you to consider.**

Whilst this is a very personal decision for families, myself and the Heads of School, are obviously available to answer any questions and offer advice. I can be contacted in the first instance to answer questions via email: eht@vikingacademytrust.com. I am also available for a face to face meeting if you would like to meet with me to discuss this further. I am sure the parents and children who have made the link with Christ's this year, would also be happy to discuss their thoughts with you and answer any questions you may have.

Staff from Christ's Hospital will also be visiting the Viking Academy Trust on 17th June. (Time TBC). It is an open invitation for parents to join them for a Q&A session to find out more about the outstanding educational experience they have to offer. In the meantime, you can find out more about the school by visiting their website: www.christs-hospital.org.uk.

Christ's Hospital motto is, "A school like no other." Having visited the school again recently I concur! Could this be the right school environment for your child's secondary education? Only you can decide this but please do not hesitate to contact me to find out more.

Kind regards



Mrs M Lewis

Executive Headteacher



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