



Dear Parent,

Open Evening 27th September 2007 5.30 – 8.30 p.m.

I would like to ask for your support in promoting the school to Year 6 pupils in our local primary schools. I believe the best advert for a school is from pupils who already attend and are enjoying being at Mount Grace. You can support the school by encouraging all families of Year 6 pupils to come to our Open Evening on 27th September and encourage them to make an application to the school. Please promote Mount Grace for the more students the more financial support is available and will benefit all pupils in the school.

If you did not already know there are three reasons why Year 6 students should come to Mount Grace:-

1. For the last four years our KS3 results have improved significantly year on year and we have been commended by the Department for Education and Skills for our progress since 2003.
2. Our GCSE results have improved significantly over the last four years and last year we were named in the Top 100 of the most improved schools in the country by the Guardian Newspaper.
3. Our Sixth Form numbers over the past few years have increased three-fold and we are now able to offer a wide range of courses and subjects.

Thank you for your support in this matter in helping us to promote our school to friends, family and neighbours in and around the local community.

Whilst writing may I remind all parents of the following arrangements for our Open Evening:-

Lessons are as normal on the morning of **Thursday 27 September** and **school will end at 12.40pm** that day to give staff and students an opportunity to prepare. Those students entitled to free school meals will be able to use their allowance at break time.

Students from years 7, 8, 9, 12 and 13 will be acting as guides

Students from years 10 and 11 could be asked to be guides or to help in departments

No student will be able to help as a guide or in departments unless a signed permission slip has been returned to school by Wednesday 26 September 2007 at the latest.

The school opens at 5.30pm and we would ask all students who are helping to be here for 5.15 pm (unless otherwise advised), dressed very smartly in school uniform, (girls should be in school skirts, years 7 – 11) and in 'business dress' for years 12 and 13.

FRIDAY 28 SEPTEMBER is a staff training day (INSET). **The school will be closed** and no students are expected to attend. School will begin on Monday 1 October 2007 with registration at 8.40am as usual.

Corrected pages for Student Planners, regarding dates, will be available shortly in the meantime please note the Inset Days this term are 28th September and 16th November. The Occasional Day is not the 19th November.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Baker
Headteacher