



11 September 2015

Dear parent,

Third Year induction events September 2015

I hope that you have enjoyed a relaxing summer break. On behalf of third year Tutors and Housemasters we are very much looking forward to inducting third year boys into the Middle School over the coming weeks. To that end please note these two special induction events early in term, one for third year boys and one for 3rd year boys' parents/guardians.

a). Third year boys' team building day: Saturday 19 September 9 am-3.45 pm

We have arranged a fun and interactive team-building day for boys. This will take place within house tutor groups so that boys can start to build upon these new friendships. A special one-way bus service will be provided to take boys into school. **Please check the attached pick up times and locations very carefully as they may be different from the usual Monday-Friday service.** If you are driving boys to school they need to be dropped off by 8.55am for a 9am start please.

Boys should wear home clothes, bring any prescribed medication (eg asthma inhaler, epipens etc) and lunch will be provided. Boys will need a waterproof jacket if the weather is wet. The day will end at **3.45pm when boys will need to be collected by parents from school** (Amey Theatre) as there is no return bus service home.

b). Third year parents' social event: Thursday 24 September 7.15 pm

On the evening of *Thursday 24 September 2014* we are holding a social evening for third year parents. **If you have not yet replied to this please can you kindly take a couple of minutes to complete the form (link <http://goo.gl/forms/zPt5eqeAz1>)**

I am very keen that boys quickly feel at home and are well settled here. To that end, I hope that this social evening, being placed early in the term, will provide an opportunity, both for us to explain how the Middle School operates, as well as providing you with an opportunity to ask any questions that you might have. Please note that the evening is for parents only; boys are not required to attend.

The informal evening will also provide the opportunity for you to meet with the staff who are most closely involved with the pastoral care of your son, on a reasonably informal basis; the Tutor and Housemaster. The format of the evening will run as follows:

Abingdon School, Park Road, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 1DE

Tel: 01235 521563 Fax: 01235 849079

www.abingdon.org.uk

7.15 pm

Welcome address in **the Amey Theatre**

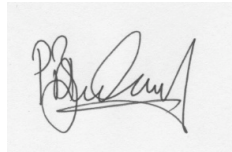
7.30 pm-9.00 pm

Wine and nibbles in houserooms with your son's Housemaster and Tutor

In terms of parking the organization that owns the land on Park Road and Park Crescent does not allow parking there and they have introduced a clamping scheme. I therefore do not wish that any of our parents find their cars clamped on this evening! To help with this we will be opening our Lower Field Car Park (opposite the school reception) and providing space on Upper Field (access is via the main entrance).

On arrival please follow the signs to the Amey Theatre. If there are any questions prior to the evening I can be contacted on 01235 849015 or by email to paul.gooding@abingdon.org.uk . On behalf of my colleagues we very much hope that you will be able to attend this event and I look forward to meeting with you in due course.

With all good wishes for the start of term

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Gooding', is centered within a light gray rectangular box.

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