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Dear Year 5/6 pupil and family

Usually at this time of year I would be warmly inviting you and your family to visit the school during either our open evening event or open morning sessions. Regrettably, we are unable to host such events currently due to the risk of transmission of COVID-19; you will appreciate that we must put the welfare and safety of our community first.

We will shortly be updating the admissions page of our website with further information for families about joining Springfield. This will include a number of short films about the school which you can enjoy watching with your child; we hope these will give you an insight into the extremely positive leaning environment that we have at Springfield and encourage you to make Springfield your first choice.

The short films will include a virtual tour of the school, Heads of Department discussing their subjects and a message from the Headteacher. The films will be available by 01 October; the link to our admissions page where they will be posted is:

<https://springfield.uk.net/index.php/admissions>

We also hope to be able to offer some virtual 'question and answer' sessions with senior staff on the evening of 06 October. I will write again with further information when details are confirmed.

Springfield has high expectations of its students; we encourage every member of the school community to 'aim for excellence' in and enjoy all areas of school life. Our students consistently attain good GCSE results across the subject range. The school's provisional results for 2020 indicate a very good performance by the year group as a whole, and some truly impressive individual achievements. Notably, 52% of students achieved a strong pass (grade 5 or above) in *English and mathematics*; 74% achieved a standard pass (grade 4 or above) in both, which is the minimum entry requirement for the majority of A Level/Level 3 courses. 15% of students achieved the highest grades of 9/8 in Maths, and 11% of students achieved the highest grades of 9/8 in English (Literature). (Grade 5 is approximately equivalent to the former grade B, and grade 4 to the former grade C.)

The coveted GCSE grade 9 is designed to be more difficult to achieve than the former A\* grade. This year, overall, 106 grade 9 GCSEs across the subjects (6% of all grades) were achieved by Springfield's students - an excellent achievement, beating last year's record of 101 grade 9s!

We have an engaging, broad and balanced curriculum, which promotes sport, science, the arts and languages. Our students' performance in the English Baccalaureate GCSEs is

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impressive, with Springfield consistently entering more pupils for the EBacc than the national average. In 2020, 67% of pupils were entered for EBacc.

We offer excellent care, support and guidance for our pupils, with expert Pastoral Managers and a qualified on-site nurse supporting the work of the teaching and leadership teams. In 2019 Ofsted wrote, 'Pupils are happy and safe at this school'.

In partnership with the Council, Springfield recently upgraded its facilities in order to expand its PAN (pupil admission number); consequently, we are now able to offer more places at this highly popular school to pupils in the Portsmouth and Hampshire communities. Our Trust has also invested in the full refurbishment of our science facilities; this exciting project is due for completion by the spring of 2021 and will include state of the art science laboratories as well as two dedicated STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) suites.

Please visit the school's website to view Springfield's prospectus and to access further information about the school and its exciting curriculum offer: [www.springfield.uk.net](http://www.springfield.uk.net).

We look forward to meeting you in the future.

Yours sincerely

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