



SGS Forest

High School
CINDERFORD

DEAR YEAR 5 & 6 STUDENTS,

My name is Mrs. Mooney, and I am very proud to be the Headteacher of SGS Forest High School in Cinderford. I have lived in the Forest of Dean all of my life. My four sons and I have all been to school in the Forest, and therefore I am absolutely committed to the area providing an excellent education. I am writing to you because I know that at some point soon you have an important decision to make.



I have worked at SGS Forest High for the past two years, and in this time, we have made a lot of changes to our school. Earlier this year we were visited by a team of people who inspect schools called 'Ofsted'. They reported that we are 'good' in three out of the four areas, which means the school is the best it has ever been, but we are ambitious to make it even better.

You might have heard from people that our rules are a bit strict, and that we have high expectations. This is a good thing for children to help them to learn well. Our standards are higher than they were previously, which means it feels different for the older children at the school. They often tell us that the school is much better, and they are involved in shaping how we develop as we listen to their views through the school council and the student leadership team.



We care that students feel like they belong to the school community, so we talk a lot about inclusion and diversity being celebrated. We are a small school, so it feels like a family and our staff know our students very well. We are very proud of the achievements of our students in any sphere - whether it be academically, creatively or in the sports field. We have a school dog called Frida at the school every day, and there is a cat called Kevin that visits us from his home nearby who thinks he is the boss!

In the next few weeks (for Year 6), or next year (for Year 5), you and your families need to decide which secondary school you want to go to. I have written this letter to you to invite you to come and look at our school and see if it is where you want to go, a place where you can grow and fulfill your dreams and ambitions. Now we don't have a smart new building, but we do have a highly talented bunch of people who all care deeply about everyone in our school community.

Almost straight after school on the 3rd of October we are having an Open Evening, for you to come and see if our school is the right place for you. The flier with this letter gives you more details about the time and how to visit at other times.

I very much look forward to welcoming you to the school.

Mrs Mooney
Headteacher
SGS Forest High School



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