

Headteacher's Welcome Letter

My name is Arthur Barzey and I am the Headteacher here at Heron Hall Academy.

Firstly, and most importantly, I hope that both you and your families are keeping well. In these challenging and uncertain times, I wish to reassure you that we are doing everything we can to ensure that your move to secondary school is as smooth and enjoyable as possible. We have created a Year 6 Transition information page on our website with an email address to respond to all your queries HHA-transition@chat-edu.org.uk. We are delighted that you have chosen Heron Hall Academy as your secondary school and we are excited for you to experience what school life is like here.



Moving up to secondary school is a giant step in the journey of your child's life, but it shouldn't be a leap into the unknown. As a parent you'll want to be absolutely confident that you're doing the right thing for your child, by sending them to a high achieving school that will set them firmly on the path towards higher education and onto a lifetime of success. Rest assured, Heron Hall is that school.

My vision for your child is that under our expert guidance, as well as maximising his/her academic potential, he/she will flourish into a well-rounded, confident, forward-thinking, polite and well-mannered individual who will fully contribute to this exciting, vibrant and thriving community.

Our success is built upon our values: Supportive, Tolerant, Resilient, Integrity, Visionary, Excellence (STRIVE). We already know we are a good school, and provide fantastic academic outcomes for students, consistently some of the best in the area. Results alone do not make for a successful future, but also a person's mindset, their character and how they treat others. We are an inclusive school, welcoming students from a range of backgrounds. We celebrate diversity and we have chosen 'equality' as one of our core values.

Heron Hall is not just a school, but a family, a community of enthusiastic learners who find excitement throughout their time with us. We work closely with parents to ensure that the time their child spends with us is safe and happy as well as successful. Parents are partners with us during the crucial years spent at secondary school. We aim to support you and hope, in return, that you will support the school in providing a stable, pleasant and well-ordered environment. Many parents find it rewarding to become more actively involved in the school through the flourishing Family and Friends of Heron Hall group or as a Parent Governor. Parents are encouraged to contact the school as soon as they have any concerns and are always welcome to come into school.

We firmly believe in listening to our pupils. Many contribute to various aspects of school life through our Student Council. Many Heron Hall pupils have the opportunity to represent the school within the local and regional community. This can be through work-experience placements, or through the many sporting events and competitions entered by our extremely active Physical Education department. There are many varied activities to try in addition to the curriculum, which is broad and inclusive.

No doubt you are all full of uncertainties and anxieties about how you will begin, what you will experience, and ultimately what you will learn from this school. What we can promise you is an unswerving dedication from a talented group of staff and who believe passionately in giving the very best opportunities to all of the young people within our school, and also you as parents and carers. At Heron Hall we believe that every pupil is an important individual. They are special as they are an individual and we will work with each and every one of you to do our utmost to bring out the very best of your potential, and shine a light into a future that perhaps you didn't even know existed. We 'STRIVE' to ensure that every student is able to achieve success. It is vital that parents and the school work together to support pupil learning as we value frequent links. I hope you will feel that you can contact your child's form tutor or me if you have any queries regarding your child's education and welfare.

We look forward to meeting and working with you in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Arthur Barzey
Headteacher

