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Dear Miss Cook,

Year 7 Admissions – September 2022

We are currently accepting applications for Year 7 entry, September 2022, and I am writing to ask for your help in sharing some information with the parents of your current Year 5 boys about their local state grammar school, as they start to consider all of their secondary school options.

I am very aware that Haberdashers' Adams is sometimes mistaken as being a private, fee paying school. Our Grade II listed frontage can of course give this impression and further confusion is created by the fact that we offer state boarding places, with associated boarding fees, in addition to day places with no fees. However, we are indeed a state school for boys aged 11-18 and girls aged 16-18.

As we are a grammar school, we do have an entrance test and I know this can be a worry for many parents, together with a concern that their son may not get in, even if they pass the test, due to the high number of applications. However, as a result of a successful bid to the government's selective schools' expansion fund, I am delighted to say that we are now able to accommodate more pupils than ever before with our total number of Year 7 day places up from 105 to 135. In addition, on passing the entrance test, we are able to give priority to a number of primary schools in Telford, including pupils at your school, as well as to boys in receipt of pupil premium and service families.

To help parents understand what the entrance test involves, we have added some familiarisation material to our website and our virtual tour also includes some Year 7 and Year 8 pupils talking about their experience of sitting the test and joining the school. All of this can be found on our Admissions page here: <https://www.adamsgs.uk/admissions/joining-us-in-year-7>.

We hope to be able to return to holding open days soon with a special event for all those that pass the next entrance test in September 2021 for September 2022 entry. Current Year 5 parents will need to register their son for the entrance test by the closing date of **Thursday 8th July at 4pm** and registration can be done online, via the Admissions page on our website.

Many thanks in advance for your support with this. Please feel free to make use of the enclosed poster and to get in touch if you have any questions. I wish you a safe and happy second half of the summer term.

Yours sincerely,

Gary Hickey
Headmaster