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Dear Parents

I am writing to confirm admissions arrangements, including the Entrance Test for entry to Year 7 at Croydon High School in September 2021.

Our Year 7 Entrance Test Day at Croydon High is probably one of the most important days in our school calendar – and, also one of the most enjoyable.

We feel that over the last few years we have developed a system that allows us to test our young applicants in an atmosphere that is not intimidating and is designed to find out how they think and learn rather than what they already know. The whole process is designed to enable girls to feel comfortable, reducing pressure and thereby allowing them to shine. It's about allowing them to get to know us and enabling us, to get to know them.

As with pretty much everything else in school life, the challenges presented by COVID-19 have meant that we need to re-think this process for this year and to replace it with something that puts health and safety in the current climate, - of the girls, their families and our staff at the very heart of all our considerations.

We have spent many hours considering how best to do this whilst still retaining the personal touch that I know sets us apart from many other schools.

In view of the fact that we are operating in changing circumstances, almost daily, we have made the decision to bring forward our Entrance Test day from **Tuesday 5 January 2021 to Saturday 5 December 2020**. Entrance Testing will take place at Croydon High.

By doing this we feel that we are offering the very best opportunity for parity of experience for all our applicants, and also allowing sufficient time for those who have to miss this date for any unavoidable reason (including illness, or the need for self-isolation) to have the opportunity to sit at another pre-arranged date.

The arrangements for the day will be as follows:

Girls will be booked a place to attend at one of four sessions; two in the morning and two in the afternoon, with staggered arrival and departure times.

This will enable us to carry out the tests in groups of **no more than 5 applicants**.

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- Each test will be invigilated by one teacher who will remain with the group of 5 for the whole time. There will be no mixing of groups.
- Arrangements for pick up and drop off will be strictly controlled and we will be asking for your support with this to ensure we can adhere to social distancing rules, including maintaining 2m distancing and hand hygiene.
- The session will include an on-line adaptive test very similar to those we have run so successfully in the past. By adaptive, we mean the test responds to individual answers, getting harder each time an answer is correct. It ensures each experience is personalised and unique and girls are not repeatedly tested on things they clearly do not know but are given the opportunity to showcase what they can do.
- The test is designed to assess ability in numeracy, problem solving and vocabulary; there is no special preparation required and no practice papers are available.
- In addition to the on-line test, the girls will enjoy a discussion based session within their group of 5 after which they will be asked to produce a piece of creative writing.

We anticipate the whole session will last no more than three hours, including an opportunity for a short break and refreshments in the middle. It also gives us plenty of time for handwashing on arrival and departure. We will do everything we can to ensure that every girl feels safe, comfortable and at ease, able to produce her best work and also to have a chance to get to know us as we get to know more about her, albeit in these most unusual of circumstances.

We hope you will understand our rationale for adapting the arrangements for this important event.

We will be in touch again following the closing date for applications (Monday 9 November) to confirm full details and individual timings. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do contact our admissions team at admissions@cry.gdst.net.

We hope you will enjoy our virtual Open Morning this Saturday 10 October which will be a wonderful opportunity to find out more about Croydon High School.

With very best wishes to you and your family

Yours sincerely

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