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Dear Year 5/6 Parents and Carers

Thank you to those of you who attended our Open Evening yesterday. It was a pleasure for our staff to meet you and to welcome your inquisitive and engaging children.

I do hope you had your questions answered and found out all the information you needed; I understand that the choice of secondary school or academy is an extremely important one.

We are always interested in feedback, so please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like a chat.

I am taking a parent/carer tour to see students in lessons on Tuesday 16 and Thursday 18 October at 9:30am. You can ring to book in, or simply turn up. If these times are not convenient and you wish to visit, please contact my PA, Kathryn Wagstaff either by email: [kwagstaff.pingle@deferrerstrust.com](mailto:kwagstaff.pingle@deferrerstrust.com) or telephone: 01283 216837; she will be happy to arrange a time for me to show you round.

We offer a wealth of opportunities, as outlined at Open Evening, but of course, our core purpose is learning and progress. We have the highest expectations of every student and will support **ALL STUDENTS** to do their best, regardless of their ability. One parent described us as a "big academy with lots of opportunities, which feels like a small academy because you know the children." Every individual student is important to us. If you wish to discuss any aspect of secondary education or your child's individual needs and aspirations, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Finally, a word about admissions. Our admissions policy appears on our website. All parents and carers have a completely free choice of secondary school. If the application form already shows your catchment school as first choice, you can change this, should you wish to do so. Last year, we were again over subscribed, so do please ensure you apply before the deadline. For the last two years I have had the standard student admissions number raised by Derbyshire County Council. I am happy to do this again if necessary and offer sufficient places to meet local need.

I look forward to welcoming your child to our induction days in July, if you think The Pingle Academy is the right choice and also to working in partnership with you to provide your child with the very best all round education.

Yours sincerely

Mrs V Sharples  
Principal

