



# Anthony Gell School

April 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

I am very pleased to hear you have a child starting Year 7 at Anthony Gell School this September. We have had far more applications this year than we had places, but have added more teaching groups in order to meet almost all of the demand and we look forward to welcoming all of the children who have gained a place at Anthony Gell School.

We have an excellent transition programme planned to help all of the Year 6 pupils who will be joining Anthony Gell School as Year 7 students in September 2022. Details of which are outlined below:

## Half Day Experience

Your child will be invited to attend one of our **induction mornings** which are designed to help the children get to know each other and meet some of our staff. The morning for your child's school will be from 9.00am – 12.00pm on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June** or **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June** (depending on the school your son/daughter currently attends). Children should report to the Wirksworth Leisure Centre (at the back of the AGS site) to be registered from 8.30am – 8.50am, as activities will be held in the sports centre. During the morning, children will also have their finger scanned to allow for preparation of the cashless biometric payment system for the café.

## A Full Day at AGS for Year 6 Pupils

In addition to the half day experience, we invite all of our prospective Year 7 students to join us for a **full day visit to Anthony Gell School** on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

On **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July**, the Year 6 children should arrive at Anthony Gell School between **8.30am and 8.50am at the main entrance next to reception**, where they will be greeted and registered. There will be seats available for them to travel on the school buses on this day if this is to be their method of getting to and from Anthony Gell School. Please note that this does not apply to the private bus run by parents from Crich. Children/families who live in the Crich area will need to make their own transport arrangements, which may involve contacting the parent in Crich who organises the bus to Anthony Gell School.

There will be a break for the children mid-morning on 4<sup>th</sup> July but Year 6 will not be able to use the café at this break so should bring a drink and snack with them if they wish to. Year

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6 will be able to use the café at lunchtime. The school uses a cashless catering system which allows student accounts to be topped up online through ParentPay. ParentPay information will be emailed to you in advance of the transition visit on 4<sup>th</sup> July. If your son/daughter is entitled to a free meal, they will be able to have this as usual. Your child may bring a packed lunch if they wish.

Later in the day the children will have the opportunity to meet their tutor and Pastoral Manager. The day with us will finish at 3.25pm. Those travelling by bus will be taken to the buses by their tutors and allowed to get on ahead of older students. Those walking or getting lifts home do so in agreement with their current school and you.

Children with special educational needs will have been invited for an additional day with us on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June** which will be coordinated by Dr Lesley Cyster our SENDCo.

During this term, AGS Pastoral Managers will be visiting Year 6 pupils at their primary school. They will spend time with the children explaining the day-to-day running of Anthony Gell School. Pupils will then be asked to complete a sheet about themselves, which will allow them to say who their friends are, what they enjoy, what they might find difficult and any questions they may have. The Pastoral Managers will also speak to the Year 6 teachers to learn more about each child.

## Parent Meeting

We are holding an important meeting for all parents/carers who have a child in Year 6 and who will be joining Anthony Gell School this year. The meeting will take place at **6.00pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July**. The meeting gives parents and children a chance to hear about arrangements for next year.

## Student Data

Please click this link and provide us with the important information we need for your child such as contact details and parent permissions: [Data Collection](#)

## Parental Permission

Please click this link to provide us with your consent choices for your child: [Parental Permissions](#)

## PE Kit

Please click on this link to the school website to order your child's AGS PE kit: [PE Kit](#)

## Instrumental Music Lessons

We are fully committed to developing all of our students' talents and these, for many, include their musical skills. In addition to the class lessons there will be instrumental lessons available during and after school, provided by a number of visiting teachers each week. Please follow this link for further information: [Music Lessons](#)

We hope that your son/daughter will thoroughly enjoy their transition days with us, and we hope you are able to join the evening meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> July in order to discover more about how our partnership with parents/carers works so well. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact staff at school who will be only too pleased to be of assistance.

For information, the 2022-23 school year at Anthony Gell School will commence on **Friday 2nd September 2022** for all Year 7 students.

Yours sincerely



**Malcolm Kelly**  
**Headteacher**