



# Guildford County School

## SPECIALIST MUSIC COLLEGE

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Dear parents and carers

Following confirmation from the Local Authority of your child's place at Guildford County School, we wanted to write to welcome our new families into our school community and say how delighted we are that your child will be starting with us in September. We hope you are looking forward to this exciting next stage in your child's education as much as we are.

County is a special place, and that has never been as evident as during the last year, which has seen everyone in our school community adapt to new ways of doing things with creativity, an eye on success, and a generosity of spirit.

After the Easter holidays, we will lay out a programme of events that will help you and your child feel ready to join our community and be excited about the prospect. To start this, we would like to invite you to a "Meet the Team" evening on Wednesday 28th April at 6pm. Please find the details for this evening below:

<https://zoom.us/j/92918334412?pwd=R2lyVHB5U2k0L0d1NVNkbUZmN2Q3UT09>

Meeting ID: 929 1833 4412

Passcode: uV12e8

To begin the process of planning for the start of Year 7, we will shortly send you a link to set up ParentMail, the platform we use to communicate with our parents. We would encourage you to action this as soon as possible, as it will mean we can share with you important resources, and begin to gather the information we need to help your child make a successful start in September.

We would also encourage you to spend time looking at the Admissions section of our website

<https://www.guildfordcounty.co.uk/>, and follow our presence on Twitter, Instagram and YouTube, which will begin to give you and your child a flavour of life at County.

Another excellent resource is the book, "Go Big: The Secondary School Survival Guide" by Matthew Burton. If you feel this is an appropriate time to do so, adding it to the range of books you share with your child over the coming weeks will support them as they start to think about the new opportunities that await them at County.

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In the meantime, if you have any specific questions, please contact Olivia Kirby, our Head of Transition, at [okirby@guildfordcounty.co.uk](mailto:okirby@guildfordcounty.co.uk)

Yours faithfully

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