



3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Welcome to St James Academy

I am delighted to welcome your child as a new learner in September 2026 to St James Academy, part of Dudley Academies Trust. As the Principal, I am extremely proud of what we have to offer and I am confident that our provision is of high quality. Above all, I am committed to ensuring that your child will have the best possible life chances as a result of a first-class educational experience.

In June 2024, St James Academy underwent a rigorous Ofsted inspection, which highlighted numerous strengths of our school. The outcome of the inspection was that Ofsted rated St James Academy as 'Good', reflecting our commitment to providing a high-quality education. The report praised St James Academy as an inclusive and welcoming environment where pupils are encouraged to be themselves. Our pupils are consistently courteous and polite, and prejudice is deemed unacceptable by everyone in our community. This nurturing atmosphere ensures that all pupils feel safe and supported. One particular highlight of the inspection was our careers programme, which is a testament to our vision of 'Dreaming big'. We are dedicated to prioritising reading for all pupils across the school, fostering a love for literature and enhancing their academic growth.

Your child's move from Year 6 to Year 7 is a very exciting time. However, I recognise that it is a period of great change and that your child may understandably experience some anxiety. I can reassure you that our transition process is highly effective and places all new learners' wellbeing at the heart of all that we do.

You are likely to have questions about many aspects of the transition from primary school to secondary: for example, uniform and equipment, school lunches and learning support. I can confirm that all this information and much more will be provided by our Transition Lead in due course. In July, we will hold Induction days for our new learners to meet their Year 7 teachers and classmates, followed by an evening event for parents/carers. Information will also be available via our academy website and social media platforms.

We understand that transition may be particularly difficult for learners with SEND so if you require any additional support for your child with SEND please contact our SENCo, Mr Wallworth by emailing [kwallworth@stjamesacademy.org.uk](mailto:kwallworth@stjamesacademy.org.uk).

If you require any additional information or have any questions, please contact our Transition Lead, Mr. Palmer via email ([bpalmer@stjamesacademy.org.uk](mailto:bpalmer@stjamesacademy.org.uk)) or telephoning our main office. In the meantime, please follow us on our social media platforms, where you will gain a great insight into the life of our learners at St James Academy.

I very much look forward to meeting you and your child in the near future.

Yours faithfully  
Mr I Moore  
Principal

