



# Emanuel School

October 2021

Dear Parents

I hope that this term continues to progress well for your child. I write now with further news on how we intend to manage our admissions interviews.

## **An uncertain winter**

This year, with positive COVID cases predicted to rise in schools and in the UK as we move into late autumn and winter, we are mindful of maintaining a calm and clear application process for all concerned. All schools are working hard to keep their communities safe and are adapting elements of their practice to achieve this.

We are also committed to interviewing all applicants, ahead of the examinations, a commitment that is almost unique amongst leading London day schools. We wish everyone to have the very best experience, with parity of opportunity for all, without any concern of a possible Covid isolation to a prospective pupil or colleague.

## **On-line interviews**

For these reasons, we have decided to stick with on-line interviews this year, following the success of the process last year and the potential for uncertainty in the next four to six months. We wish all applicants to be reassured of this process; a great deal of time is given to training our school colleagues as interviewers in this way.

## **Getting ready for the interview**

Our interviews are important to us. The guiding aim is to give your daughter/son a real sense of our school, its ethos and culture. You will receive information on the specific arrangements for your child's interview during the week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> October. You can find a guide for parents and applicants on the on-line interviews [HERE](#).

Last year, almost all applicants and parents said how calming it was for young people to be able to do the interview at home, in a quiet space and to be able to plan with confidence for the event. We will work hard to ensure this success is maintained this year.

## **See-again event**

In addition to the interview, we will also host a see-again event in late February for all of those holding offers. This event will take place across our school campus and give the pupils the chance to choose from a range of activities that will allow them to experience our facilities and get to know our teachers. We will communicate directly with you about this, and let you know of the schedule when you learn of the outcome of the initial written assessments and interview. We see this event, along with the open events and assessment days as a great way to further strengthen our relationship with you.



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### **Written assessment**

We remain confident of being able to conduct our written assessments in person, at Emanuel on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December for 11+ applicants. We will send out more information on the arrangements for the exam days during the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> November.

As ever, if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Lucy Walker, Head of Admissions and Communications, on [admissions@emanuel.org.uk](mailto:admissions@emanuel.org.uk) . She will be most happy to help and support you.

Yours sincerely,

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