

A WORD TO PARENTS

considering sending their son to Ashfield Boys' High School.

At Ashfield Boys' High School we feel that parents have a critical role to play in the education of their children. We hope that you are ambitious for your boy, that you will take an active interest in his education and make him aware that you care.

Please make sure that he is adequately equipped in terms of uniform, schoolbag, pens and pencils and Physical Education clothing and footwear. An Ashfield PE kit is available from the school.

There are a number of occasions throughout his school career when you will be invited to interviews or open nights. We hope that you will attend on these occasions or on any other occasion by appointment when you think it necessary.

Normally parents of year 8 pupils visit the school in October to discuss opportunities, hopes, or fears. In year 10, choices are made of subjects to be studied in years 11 and 12. Parents are fully involved in these choices. An Open Night is held in January each year, when parents may meet the school staff and see examples of pupils' work. All parents of year 12, 13 and 14 pupils have the opportunity to attend an interview after the mock examinations to discuss progress.

From year 10 until leaving school your son will receive in depth vocational guidance. You will be invited to be present at Careers Guidance interviews.

You will receive regular progress reports on your son's work. In years 8 to 10 reports are sent out at least twice a year. This will increase in Years 11-14. Five parents afternoons and evenings are held in February/March each year to enable parents to discuss their children's report and general progress with their subject teachers.

Each Friday afternoon your son will present to you his homework book for that week. This should be signed by you and returned on Monday morning. We feel that regular homework is essential for good progress and you are asked to check each Friday and take action where work is found to be unsatisfactory.

In Ashfield Boys' High School we are committed to providing a high quality education for your sons.

We have high standards of teaching and demand good conduct and behaviour, so that every pupil has the opportunity to reach his full potential. All pupils are expected to behave responsibly, to work hard, to display good manners and to show consideration and respect for other people at all times. **No pupil will be permitted to affect adversely the education of others by his bad behaviour.**

All pupils are expected to obey the "Instructions to Pupils" document about dress, behaviour, and general conduct. Breaking of such rules will lead to sanctions being applied by the Class Teacher or the Year Teacher. We depend on the support of parents.