Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to Samuel Ward Academy: Joining Year 7 in September 2024

I would like to welcome your child to Samuel Ward Academy. Transition to secondary school is an exciting time for children and we are very much looking forward to your child becoming part of our school family.

Our transition process is now underway and involves considerable contact between primary and secondary schools and plenty of opportunities for your child to become familiar and comfortable with their new school before September. I know from my own experience as a parent that the transition process is often more challenging for parents than for children. At Samuel Ward Academy we recognise that the home: school relationship is vital for the happiness and success of children, and we are looking forward to working with you over the next five to seven years.

To enable us to get your child registered on our school systems, and to ensure we can keep you updated via parentmail, please complete the following form using this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/H7iRD0YeyG>

You will find our schools information booklet on our website here:

<https://www.samuelward.co.uk/files/2024-04/parent-info-booklet-2024.pdf>

In the information booklet you will find valuable information about term dates, timings of the school day, how to order uniform and much more.

In addition, your child will have a **Pupil Passport** which they will work through at their current school. This will tell us more about your child and give their secondary teachers an example of their finest work to ensure that we build appropriately upon their prior learning and abilities.

I look forward to meeting you at the earliest opportunity.

Kind regards,

Dr K Geall