

PRINCE HENRY'S HIGH SCHOOL

An "Outstanding" Academy for Students aged 13-18

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Dear Local Residents,

I am writing to you as neighbours and valued partners in our community to provide some context following the traffic congestion on Victoria Avenue yesterday evening, and to outline how your support could help us work toward practical, long-term improvements.

As many of you know, Prince Henry's High School has been situated in Victoria Avenue since 1909, and throughout that time we have worked closely with local residents to support the wellbeing, development and future of Evesham. Yesterday evening's event was a Careers Fair, which brought together a large number of young people and an impressive range of local employers. The event was an outstanding success - linking local businesses, training providers and the next generation of talent in ways that will benefit not only our students, but also the wider local and national economy. These opportunities are essential; our young people will drive the prosperity of the future, and events like this strengthen Evesham for many years to come.

In recent years, we have taken deliberate steps to reduce pressure on local roads. Four years ago, we created an additional on-site bus bay, which significantly reduced congestion at the start and end of the school day. This investment continues to support both residents and students and reflects our commitment to being a considerate neighbour.

However, the continued success of our school - reflected in our Outstanding in all areas Ofsted judgement - means that evening traffic levels have naturally increased, particularly during major events such as last night's Careers Fair. On this occasion, a "perfect storm" occurred: a blockage at the far end of Victoria Avenue created an unexpected backlog which, combined with high attendance on the school site, resulted in unusually severe gridlock.

While our staff can effectively manage all traffic within the school grounds, we are not permitted to manage or direct vehicles on public highways; this responsibility lies solely with the local authority. Yesterday evening, my team stepped in solely to prevent the situation from worsening, and I am grateful for the many messages of appreciation we received. Regrettably, a number of staff were subjected to unacceptable verbal abuse. There can be no justification for such behaviour, particularly towards colleagues who were simply trying to protect the safety and wellbeing of the community.

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To improve the situation for everyone, the most effective long-term solution is to increase on-site vehicle capacity, allowing more cars to be parked safely within the school grounds rather than on residential roads during busy evenings. This would significantly reduce congestion and improve traffic flow across the surrounding area.

To achieve this, we need the support of those responsible for local infrastructure decisions. If you feel able, we would be very grateful for your support by writing to:

Worcestershire County Council
Wychavon District Council
Your local Town, District and County Councillors
Nigel Huddleston MP

I have enclosed the communication the school has already sent to them. Even a short message expressing your support for increased parking capacity and improved traffic-flow infrastructure on the school site would considerably strengthen our case. These improvements would benefit residents, visitors, and the many community groups who rely on our facilities after hours.

Please be assured that evening events will continue. We have a statutory duty to meet with parents and carers, and a vital responsibility to provide young people with opportunities - such as last night's Careers Fair - that shape their futures and contribute to the prosperity of both our town and our country. With improved infrastructure, we can continue to offer these essential activities while greatly reducing the impact on local roads.

Thank you for your time, understanding and continued support. Prince Henry's has been part of this community for over a century, and with your help, we can ensure it continues to thrive in a way that benefits everyone.

With best wishes,



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