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Dear Parents and Carers,

We understand that choosing the right secondary school for your child is a very important decision for your family. There are many reasons why Brighton Aldridge Community Academy (BACA) could be the right school for your child. I hope you enjoy finding out about these and the academy's values and key features via our prospectus and website. **In addition, we warmly invite you to come and see BACA for yourself at our Open Evening, which is taking place on Wednesday 29th September from 5pm – 8pm.**

I have been Principal at BACA here for three years and am very proud to lead this unique school community. We are fortunate to benefit from a beautiful, spacious building and site which make BACA a very special place to learn. Excellent teaching, strong pastoral care systems, our unique approach to supporting students' reading and our house system allow students to thrive. Academic outcomes at Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 are strong and have continued to improve year-on-year for a number of years.

As you may know, at BACA we have a cricket specialism that has become very much established in the sixth form with our **Aldridge Cricket Academy programme**, which has seen over 120 talented young cricketers join us for their post-16 studies over recent years. In 2019, we launched our **Junior Cricket Pathway (JCP)** for boys and girls in Years 7-10, providing young cricketers with a programme to rival the top private schools. We have a superb cricket centre, a unique partnership with Sussex Cricket and a very high quality coaching team. Students on our programmes access an outstanding cricket offer and our long-term vision is to be the top state school for cricket in the country. From September we have had 20 students on the JCP from Brighton and further afield (including Chailey, Hurstpierpoint, Worthing, Bognor, Burgess Hill and Crawley), and we are now recruiting for the next cohort for a September 2022 start.



If you would like to attend our Open Evening, **we ask that you register via our website www.baca-uk.org.uk, where you will find a link to the registration site on the front page**, or contact our office team on 01273 691191. We will then contact you with further details and an arrival time, so that we can control numbers in and around the building and ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all visitors. There will be a wide range of activities to enjoy in faculty areas showcasing the academy's distinctive features. Please make clear that you are interested in finding out more about the Sir Rod Aldridge Cricket Centre and the JCP on your registration form. Your visit will start at the Cricket Centre where, following a presentation about the Pathway and how students can qualify for it, there will be an opportunity to try out our facilities, meet the coaching team and other partners from Sussex Cricket. Visitors can then move up to the main academy building for the rest of the event. We understand that families may also wish to see the school in action during the school day, and we will run a programme of personalised and small-group tours bookable by appointment over the course of October.

I really look forward to showing you our beautiful school and helping you to make the best decision regarding the next stage of their education.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Speight', with a long, sweeping underline.

Mr R Speight
Principal